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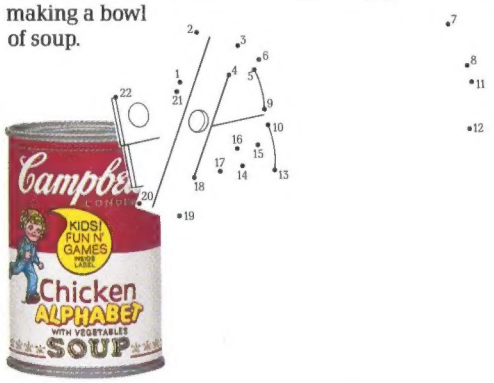

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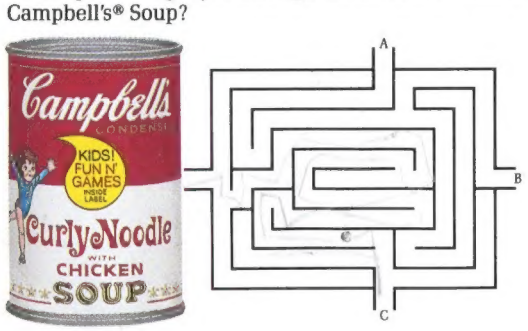

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5. Are you a sharp kid?

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2. _____
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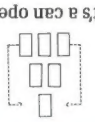
1. 
2. It's a can opener.
3. C
4. Chicken Noodle-O's®
5. Cans B and H
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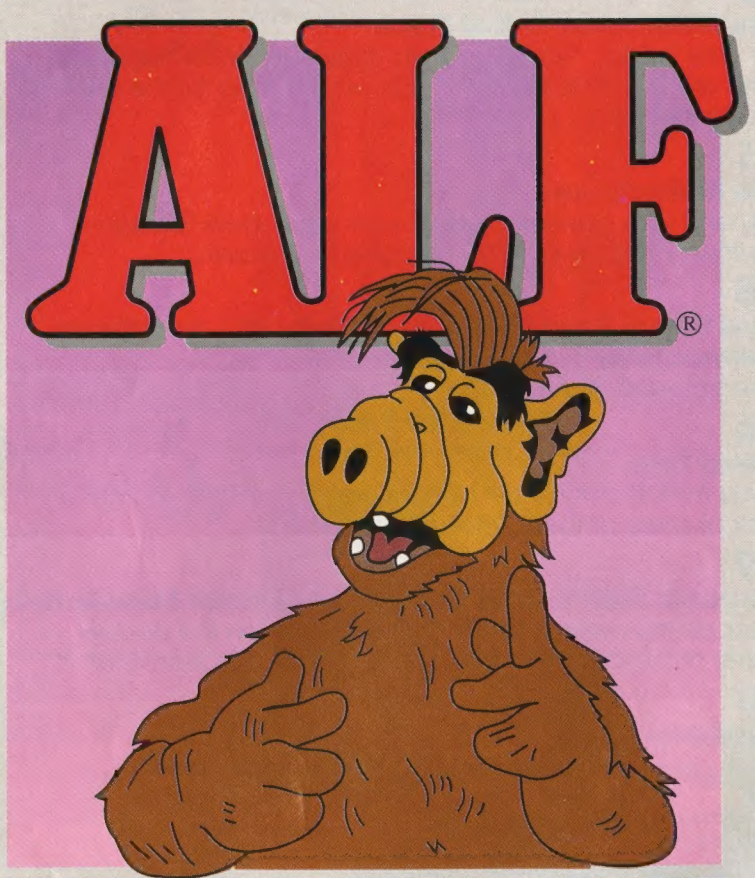

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GIMME FOUR!

Well, here it is. Just what you've been waiting for! The very first ever issue of *ALF Magazine*—the only Melmac-ianized mag this side of the planet Dave.

You say you want laughs. You say you want chuckles. You say you want yuks! Well, we've got them along with an ALF poster, lots of activities (MelmActivities, that is), and even a cat that you and your friends can eat, just like the ol' Alfer. Sort of a tabby in a tabloid! (Ha! We kill us!)

But that's just not all, Alfies. (Well, Star Trek fans are called Trekkies!) Before you turn the page, take a gander at this sensational sweepstakes. There are five pictures of Neep, ALF's pet, in this issue. Locate them all, and write the five page numbers on the entry blank below. Then fill in the rest of the information and mail it to us before February 28, 1989. Mail it to:

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We'll put all the entries into a hat the size of Utah. (Well, almost.) Then we'll close our eyes and pick 10 winners. Each lucky guy or gal will win a valuable prize. Winners' names will be printed in the Summer issue of *ALF*.

Now go ahead and read *ALF Magazine* and, as they say on Melmac, HAVE A HOOT AND HALF!

—The Editors

P.S. Don't forget to write! *ALF Magazine* wants to know what you think.

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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

_____

Circle: Boy Girl

What pages have Neep's picture? ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

What story did you like best in this issue of *Alf*?

_____

What stories would you like to see in future issues of *Alf*?

_____

LETTERS FROM EARTHLINGS

THANKS FOR WRITING!

Dear Melmac Hero,

I think you're the best wiseguy on TV. Not the kind my mom says I can't be, because she likes you too—I mean a "wise" guy, you know? And funny, too!

Evan Sorrel
Toronto, Ontario

Dear *ALF Magazine*,

I like ALF because he gets in a lot of trouble. And when he's in trouble he always makes jokes. ALF has the best funny sayings when things happen. Of course, there is the problem about cats—it's not nice to eat cats. Cats are useful. (But I understand he can't help it!)

Desi Amador
Newark, New Jersey

Dear *ALF Magazine*,

I think it's terrific that ALF is making a magazine. The more ALF is around, the better! ALF is really special because he never gets upset—he gets funny. And he's just not fussy, if you know what I mean—I love it when he cleans the TV screen with his elbow and things like that.

Rusty Snyder
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear ALF,

I watched *ALF* and *ALF Tales* the other day and they were really good. You are so cute when you're dressed in a business suit and tie, typing the next story. (Is that how you dress for your magazine work?) The tale I saw was "The Sleeping Prince." It was funny and mixed-up. The "prince" fell into his long sleep from a paper cut!

Elizabeth Langdale
San Antonio, Texas

NASA/ Bruce Coleman

JUMP BACK

'Cause new, improved Trix® is so sweet and fruity and brightly colored, now you gotta wear shades when you eat it!!

Directions: Prop this page against a chair or a wall, jump back 10 steps, and check out the picture that appears.

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Dear *ALF Magazine*,
This is such a good idea. I already can't get enough of ALF on TV, and now I don't have to worry because he's going to be in a magazine! I hope ALF will do some spoofs on famous stories and movies.

Ali Rioux
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear *ALF Magazine*,
I think this is a terrific project for ALF, one of my favorite characters. I really like *ALF Tales* a lot, and I hope your magazine will be as funny.

Nora Moore
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear ALF,
I like ALF's baby sister Augie. She wants to eat dessert all the time. I also like Flo.

Grace Dixon
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear ALF,
I am your Number #1 fan. I wish you could come and live with me! I used to have a big fat cat but not anymore, so it's okay for you to come over. I think you're special.

Alejandro Saralegui
Miami, Florida

Dear ALF,
I guess you have to be funny with *your* nose. You remind me of my dog. He has a big nose and he doesn't care for cats. But my dog is not really funny, and he definitely doesn't make terrific cartoons! Good luck with your magazine.

Wilson Chu
Brooklyn, New York

Dear ALF,
Hey, no problem! You are definitely all right bouncing to the tunes under your headphones. I've been practicing your style and I think you could benefit from another cool dude on the ground crew. No kidding. I could live on Melmac. How about it?

Jamal Davis
Chicago, Illinois

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ON THE FAD AND FASHION FRONT

☐ **Designer Jeans:** You're the designer. All you need is some permanent paint and a brush. Paint your jeans any way you want, any color. The brighter, the better. Remember: Paint your jeans in the basement or outside.

☐ **Campus Camp:** College sweatshirts are cool! Cover yourself in Colorado State. Bundle yourself in Brown. Disappear in Dartmouth. The bigger the better.

☐ **Tie One On:** Wear woven friendship bracelets on your wrist. Wear them on your ankle. Give some to your friends to wear. They're not called friendship bracelets for nothing!

☐ **Watch Watch:** One wristwatch is not enough. Wear two. Or, better yet, wear three: one on your left wrist and two on your right. When someone asks you what time it is, say "Which watch?"

Illustration by Tom Bloom

THE OFFICIAL ALF MAGAZINE LIST

Ten American cities you might not believe are real. But they are.

1. Two Egg, Florida
2. Roaches, Illinois
3. Mosquitoville, Vermont
4. Bummerville, California
5. Hoo Hoo, West Virginia
6. Zzyzx, California
7. Snowball, Alaska
8. Who'd a Thought It, Alabama
9. Do Stop, Kentucky
10. Goose Pimple Junction, Virginia

IS IT SPRING YET?

February 2 is Groundhog's Day. When the groundhog comes out of his hole, one of two things will happen:

☐ He'll see his shadow which means six more weeks of winter or

☐ He won't see his shadow which means put away your sled, Spring is almost here.

But what's it like to be a groundhog? ALF Magazine wanted to know so we found one and we asked.

Q: What's it like to be a groundhog?

A: Well, it's better than being a weasel. You never heard of Weasel Day, did you?

Q: Do you really believe this business about the shadow?

A: Just between you and me, no way. But you humans like it so much, we groundhogs go along with you.

Q: Do you have any advice for someone who wants to be a groundhog?

A: Yes, I do. Learn how to dig with your front paws. That's the most important part of being a groundhog. Once you have that down, the rest is a cinch.

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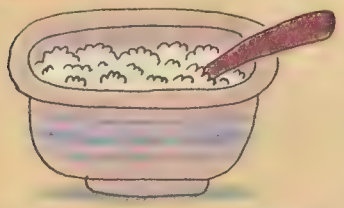
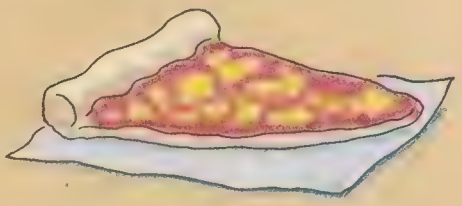
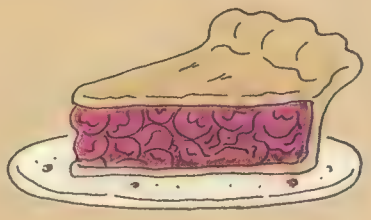


January is National Oatmeal Month. Eat oatmeal for breakfast.



January 17 - 23 is National Pizza Week. Eat pizza for lunch.



January 23 is National Pie Day. Have something nutritious for dinner, and then have a little pie.

TRY THIS AT LUNCH

Drop your lunch money about 12 inches from a wall. Then ask your friend to stand right behind it with his or her heels flush against the wall. Then say "If you can pick up that lunch money without bending your knees or moving your feet, it's yours!" Don't worry. Your money and your lunch are safe.

DO IT YOURSELF MELMAC ART

You've seen them on TV. You'll read about them in this magazine. But first, color them in. Yes, it's Gordon and Rick in black and white just waiting for you to put them in living color. So go to it!

THE A.Q.* TEST

*ALF QUOTIENT

Are you an ALF expert? Do you constantly amaze your friends with tiny gems of knowledge from the world of the ol' Alfer? If you answered "Yes" to both these questions, then this trivia test is for you. Circle one answer per question. Then check out your A.Q. score on the chart below.

1. When are ALF's birthdays?
   a) Twangle 12 & Nathinganger 2
   b) Orring 21 & Kilmer 22
   c) Harble 29 and Fibble 24
   d) Kilmer 14 & Harble 17

2. What is ALF's real name?
   a) Arnie Garlic
   b) Gordon Shumway
   c) Fielding Mellish
   d) Juan

3. On Melmac, a slimeball is
   a) a giant rodent.
   b) your little sister.
   c) a favorite dessert.
   d) a car with lips.

4. Melmacians favorite dish is
   a) oatmeal on a stick.
   b) anyone named Bucky.
   c) tabby potpie.
   d) tuna pudding.

5. ALF's favorite Melmacian television show is
   a) *Bowling For Lard.*
   b) *I Love Icky.*
   c) *Wheel Of Brie.*
   d) *As The World Belches.*

6. How old is ALF?
   a) 28
   b) 231
   c) 42,256½
   d) What's it to ya?

7. What college did ALF attend?
   a) Tick Tock Tech
   b) Theheckwith U.
   c) University of Michigan
   d) Melmac U.

8. Back on Melmac, what was ALF's girlfriend's name?
   a) Rhonda
   b) Xnox
   c) Eileen
   d) Erno (But everyone knew her as Nancy.)

9. Melmac's national sport is
   a) cheese hurling.
   b) laughing at trees.
   c) waltzing with postal workers.
   d) bouillabaseball.

10. What kind of car was ALF driving when he crash landed on Earth?
    a) a black '72 Firebird
    b) a red '67 Mustang
    c) a Phlegm Turbo ZX20
    d) a bumper car

8–10 ●**Excellent! Are you sure you're not Melmacian?**
6–8 ●**Very good! You might be related to ALF. (Twice removed.)**
4–6 ●**Not bad. Not bad at all. With a little studying, you could pass for a Melmacian.**
2–4 ●**Nice try. Give it another shot.**
0–2 ●**Who have you been watching, Oprah?**

Answers
1. a; 2. b; 3. c; 4. c; 5. a; 6. b; 7. d; 8. a; 9. d; 10. c.

MELMACTIVITY

WHERE'S AUGIE?

Uh, oh. Gordon's little sister, Augie, has wandered off and she's lost. Really lost! Help her find her way back through this maze that she's gotten herself into. She wants to get home in time for her favorite dinner: chili cats. Yum! *Answer on page 30.*

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WHAT'S COOKING AT THE CAT-SUP DINER

Food's never boring at the Cat-Sup Diner. Not with recipes like these to tantalize your taste buds. Use them to liven up those boring family dinners, school lunches, or snacks after a hard day of singing to your patio furniture. And if anyone asks you where you learned to make tasty dishes like these, tell them Stella taught you—if you're willing to admit it!

Cat Chow

Cut a pear in half. Stick two raisins on with honey for eyes. Use corners of cheese for ears and thin strips of cheese for whiskers. A carrot curl makes a fine tail. *Meow* do you like it?

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Horace "the Giant Carp" Akst is the only known Melmacian to have climbed Mount Yikes without a net or a pair of tweezers. However, he was best known for yelling at farm equipment.

Terry "the Amazing Gopher" Fendlethorp set Melmac's strangest record when she stood in a vat of strained beets, just to prove it could be done. No one knows why.

The tallest Melmacian was **Buffy Stigweed**. She stood 42,256 centimeters high. Too tall to perform most simple tasks, Buffy made her mark by becoming the first ladder to be able to whistle a tune in C minor.

Illustration by Larry Nikolai

Phil "the Handrail" Pudge went for a walk on Kilmer 22, 1856, only to return sixty days later, wearing the same suit and carrying a lawn sprinkler in the shape of a hat

Michael Mattingloops was the first Melmacian to come up with the idea of teaching mice how to dance on their lips. Years later he wrote a book about it called *It Was Mice Dancing With You*. It sold 129 copies.

Arnie Zeltfoot, the fastest Melmacian alive, set a worlds record for the two-minute mile. That's probably because his shorts were on fire at the time.

Melmatinee

A FISH CALLED BISMARCK

LIGHTS! CAMERA! MELMACTION!

It's time for the Melmatinee—your chance to act in your own Melmacian play starring Gordon Shumway and his pals. So get your best friends, your brothers, your sisters, even your parents. Take a part. Make some costumes and have your own ALFfest. (This could be better than *Cat On A Hot Tin Plate!*)

CHARACTERS

Gordon
Flo, his mother
Curtis, his brother
Augie, his little sister
Rick Fusterman, his friend
Skip, his friend
TV Announcer
Narrator

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ACT ONE

SETTING: Gordon's Room
NARRATOR: Gordon Shumway is in his room, rocking out to the music on his portable Walkmammal. Flo, his mother, enters, and is horrified to see what a mess the place is.
FLO: Gordon!
NARRATOR: When Gordon doesn't answer, Flo lifts one of the earphones off and yells into his ear.
FLO: GO-R-R-R-R-D-O-N-N-N-N!
GORDON: Oh, hi, Mom. Didn't hear you come in.
FLO: Obviously you didn't hear me say "Clean up your room" anytime during the past year, either.
GORDON: It looks lived in, that's all.
FLO: Lived in by bletskamalian pigbirds, you mean. (SHE SNIFFS) And what's that horrible smell?
GORDON: My aftershave? No, I don't shave yet. Maybe it's my preshave.
NARRATOR: Flo sifts through the piles of clothes, books, magazines, sports equipment, records, tapes and socks until she uncovers a tank filled with what looks like pea soup. Two sad eyes stare out.
FLO: Gordon, you're not taking proper care of Bismarck. You know you have to change his water once in a while.
GORDON: Hey, I'm a busy guy.
FLO: If you're going to keep a pet, you're responsible for feeding it and keeping it clean and happy.
NARRATOR: When he hears that, Bismarck, the fish, sticks his head out of the tank and blows a big razzberry at Gordon.
GORDON: I think he's entirely too happy already.
NARRATOR: Curtis, Gordon's younger brother walks in.
CURTIS: Gordon, I need to borrow your flern roach net. A whole flock of them just landed in the backyard.
FLO: Curtis! You're not keeping a jar of flern roaches in the house!
CURTIS: Oh, Mom. . .
GORDON: Listen to your mother. You bring in pets and next thing you know, she's going to make you take care of them, too!
CURTIS: You mean feed them and stuff? Ah, forget it.
NARRATOR: Curtis leaves. Gordon follows.
FLO: And where do you think you're going?
GORDON: I'm off to do guy stuff. I'm meeting Rick and Skip at the diner.
FLO: Oh no, you're not. You're not leaving this house until this room is spotless and Bismarck can see one fin in front of him.
GORDON: But the guys are waiting for me!
FLO: And your mother is waiting for you to start living like a civilized mammal!
NARRATOR: Flo leaves the room. Gordon looks at his watch, and then at the mess.
GORDON: Hmmm. I can just rearrange my stuff quickly for now and still have time for a tabbyburger at Eddie's
NARRATOR: He rushes around the room, stuffing things in drawers, under the bed, in closets. It almost looks neat. Gordon takes a fast look around the room, and exits.
GORDON: No problem!

ACT TWO

SETTING: Eddie's Cat-Sup Diner (*The* hangout on Melmac)
NARRATOR: Gordon rushes in, and sits at his usual booth with two best friends, Rick and Skip. Stella, the waitress, comes over to take his order.
STELLA: You want the usual, Gordo?
GORDON: You bet—a tabby melt and fries. Sorry I'm late, guys, but I was having a serious mother-son talk.
STELLA: Your mom was yelling at you again?
GORDON: No! We were having a small . . . debate over the way I choose to decorate my room.

Written by Alicia Schudt-Schechter

SKIP: She called you a bletska-malian pigbird again, huh?
GORDON: Something like that.
RICK: S-s-she'll still let you come to the Orbit Guard Raffle, won't she?
GORDON: Of course she will. We just had some artistic differences. She's my mother, not my jailer.
SKIP: That's too bad. If you didn't show up, there'd be more chance of one of us winning.
RICK: That's right, Maybe you should stay home.
GORDON: Some friends! Hey, I want to win that lint-powered stereo system with CD player as much as you guys. And I have a better chance, because I bought a whole book of tickets!
SKIP: Couldn't sell any, huh?
GORDON (COVERING): Didn't want to. What if the one ticket I sold to a total stranger was the winning one?
RICK: How many tickets do you have altogether?
GORDON: Let me see. . .
NARRATOR: He searches his pockets for the tickets but can't find them.
GORDON: I must have left them back in my room.
SKIP: That pigsty?
GORDON: Thanks for the support, Skipmeister. Look, I'm going home to look for them right now. I'll see you guys tonight.
STELLA: What about your tabbyburger?
GORDON: Put it in a kitty bag!
NARRATOR: Meanwhile, back at the Shumways, Curtis looks out in the backyard and sees the flock of flern roaches munching on their lawn. Even though his mom advised him against pets, the temptation is too much. He runs up to Gordon's room to get his flern roach net. When he sees how clean the room is, he jumps to conclusions.
CURTIS: Wow! We've been robbed!
NARRATOR: Augie, their baby sister, toddles in and looks around the clean room.
AUGIE: No, Gordon cleaned.
CURTIS: Are you crazy? Gordon never cleans. He's a pig!
AUGIE: Where's Bismarck?
CURTIS: In that tank somewhere.
AUGIE: I don't see him.
CURTIS: Of course you can't. He's in special water.
AUGIE: That special water stinks!
CURTIS: Come on, help me find Gordon's flern roach net.
NARRATOR: They open a closet door and piles and piles of Gordon's possessions tumble out all around them.
CURTIS: Yaaahhh!!!
NARRATOR: Curtis and Augie crawl out from under the piles of stuff. Augie toddles out the door. Curtis pulls open the drawers, still looking for the net. As he opens each drawer, more stuff falls out. Finally, the piles are too big and Curtis and Augie run into the hall.
CURTIS: Phew! That was a close one!
NARRATOR: Just then, Gordon runs up the stairs, heading for his room.
AUGIE: You don't wanna go in there, Gordon.
GORDON: What do you mean? It's my room. My home. My castle. My (HE SEES THE HUGE MESS) pigsty! Curtis, what did you do to my room?
CURTIS: Don't blame me. You boobytrapped the place. All I did was look for your flern roach net.
NARRATOR: Gordon shakes his head and digs his way through the stuff into his room.
GORDON: You didn't happen to see my raffle tickets, did you?
CURTIS: They were on your desk once.
AUGIE: Near Bismarck.

Illustration by Dick Codor

GORDON/CURTIS/AUGIE: Bismarck?!!
NARRATOR: The three of them start tearing through the stuff to find the poor little fish. Just then, Flo comes in.
FLO: What's all this noise—Gordon, I thought you cleaned up your room!
GORDON: I did. Curtis here did a little redecorating.
CURTIS: Oh sure, blame the little kid.
FLO: Did you at least change Bismarck's water?
AUGIE: We don't know—we can't find him!
FLO: You lost your fish? There is no excuse for that, Gordon Shumway! You're grounded until you find that fish and clean up your room!
GORDON: But that could take weeks, Mom—and the big Orbit Guard Raffle is tonight! Can't I do it later?
FLO: You'll do it now, Gordon, and you're not leaving this room until I see that little fish's smiling face on your clean desk!
GORDON: Yikes!

ACT THREE

NARRATOR: Hours have passed. Gordon feverishly sorts through the piles of his stuff looking for Bismarck, and all he can find is the empty tank. There's a knock at the door.
GORDON (DEPRESSED): Come in.
SKIP'S VOICE: The door won't open.
GORDON: Oops, sorry. Let me move this pile of laundry.
NARRATOR: He makes way, and Rick and Skip enter the still messy room.
RICK: G-g-great room, Gordon.
SKIP: Yeah. I really like what you've done with it.
GORDON: Thanks. Tell that to my mom.
RICK: Let's go, we're going to be late for the raffle.
GORDON: Bad news, guys. I can't go.
RICK: Great! That helps our chances to win!
SKIP (NUDGES RICK TO SHUT HIM UP): What's the problem, Gordo. You were all ready to go this afternoon.
GORDON: I had another artistic difference with my mom. Then I lost my fish. Besides that, I can't find my raffle tickets!
RICK: Maybe if we all search the room, we'll find them both.
NARRATOR: So Gordon, Rick, and Skip set out to sift through the remaining piles of Gordon's clothes, books, records, tapes, magazines, and assorted paraphernalia, all to no avail.
SKIP: That's it. We've searched everywhere.
GORDON: This is so sad.
RICK (PUTS HIS ARM AROUND GORDON): I'm sure Bismarck is safe somewhere.
GORDON: Not him. I'm talking about missing the raffle.
SKIP: The raffle! It's almost time!
RICK: Sorry, Gordon, but we have to go.
GORDON: See ya. Good luck.
NARRATOR: Gordon gives the room one last rummage, then sadly sits on a pile of laundry, looking at Bismarck's empty tank. He sighs and sadly turns on his portable TV.
TV ANNOUNCER: Good evening, and welcome to the Annual Orbit Guard Raffle! We're here live, waiting to see what lucky Melmacian will win the grand prize of a lint-powered stereo system!
GORDON: It should have been mine.
TV ANNOUNCER: I'm sticking my hand into the vat of raffle ticket stubs . . . and the winner is . . . number 4735523!
GORDON: Who cares. Wait—4735523! That was one of mine!
NARRATOR: And Gordon quickly rummages through his stuff one last time. Only this time, he finds the book of tickets in one of his pockets.
GORDON (YELLS AT THE TV): I have it! I won! I won!
NARRATOR: But as Gordon opens the book to pull out the winning ticket . . .
GORDON: My tickets! They're gone! Curtis!!
CURTIS (FROM OUTSIDE): What do you want?
GORDON: You took my tickets! Why aren't you at the raffle?
CURTIS: What are you talking about? I'm flern hunting! Now, be quiet or you'll scare them away.
GORDON: Then who. . .
TV ANNOUNCER: And we have a winner ladies and gentlemen!
GORDON: Oh yeah? Let's see who the little thief is.
TV ANNOUNCER: My, this is most unusual . . . The winner of the Grand Prize is a fish! But he does have the winning ticket!
GORDON: Bismarck!
TV ANNOUNCER: The winner has just handed me a note, because as you all know, fish can't talk. But he wants me to thank Gordon Shumway for giving him this chance to be a winner by living like a pig and leaving his stuff all around the room. Enjoy your stereo, Bismarck! And Gordon, wherever you are, clean your room!
GORDON (DISGUSTED): Yeesh!

MELMACTIVITY

NOW WHERE HAVE I SEEN THESE BEFORE?

All of these pictures appear somewhere else in the magazine. The question is where? It's up to you to find out. We can't tell you everything!
Answers on page 30.

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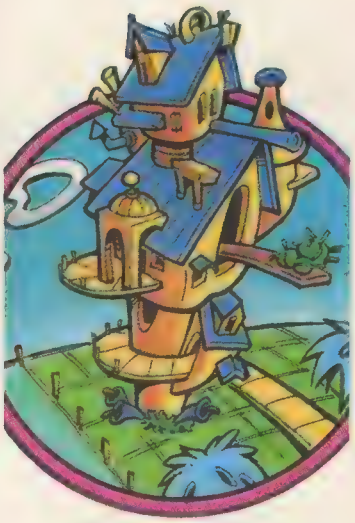

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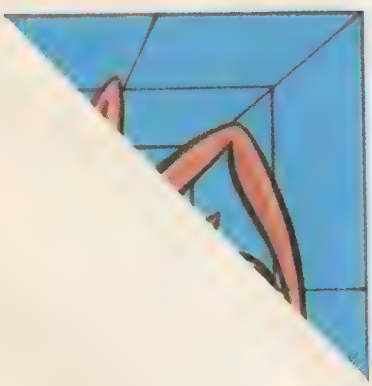

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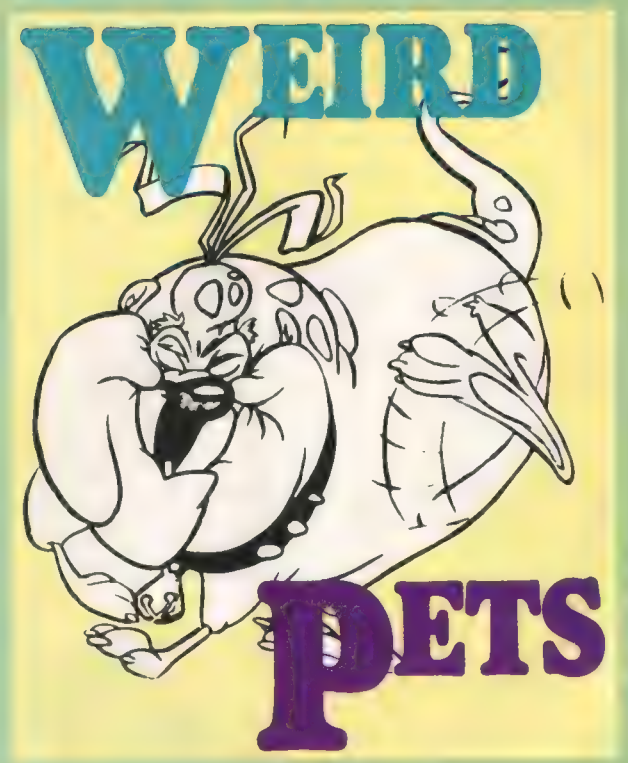


Back on Melmac, Gordon has a pet named Neep. Neep is a Vespa. Vespas are big, slow, friendly animals. They're notorious for playing handball without proper I.D. and being able to drool on command. They constantly smack their lips and say, "Neep, neep!" That's how Neep got his name.

But Gordo's not the only guy in the universe with a weird pet. Some Earthlings have broken the mold and gone beyond dogs, birds, and cats. Of course, Melmacians find our owning cats about as weird as we find their having chunks of lard as pets. But hey! Take a look at some of these unusual pets.

J.H. Carmichael, Jr./ Bruce Coleman

TARANTULA

A tarantula is a weird pet for sure, but a fascinating one. It's incredibly cool to watch it shed its shell or to eat the crickets you feed it once a week. See, the tarantula corners its prey and embalms it like a mummy. Then it squirts in digestive juice that decomposes the former cricket. *Then* the tarantula sucks out the cricket slurpee with a built-in straw. Yes, tarantulas are cannibalistic, so don't put two in a cage. They won't harm you, though. Even if they bite, it's harmless. So pick up your exotic, velvety pet tarantula and show it off!

Sue Hauki Animals, Animals

IGUANAS

This lizard's scientific name is *Iguana iguana*—isn't that punk? These scaly green crawlers are living reminders of the dinosaur age. But iguanas are as gentle as they're tough looking, and they are sometimes pictured as symbols of the peace movement. Iguanas crave hot weather, since they're native to Central America. It's a challenge to recreate their natural habitats in a cage. But the general rule with iguanas is: only one per cage. Males engage in huffing and puffing "combat displays" to show who's boss. Iguanas are very into their own turf, but as long as you're not an iguana, you can hold and even pet them—they don't bite.

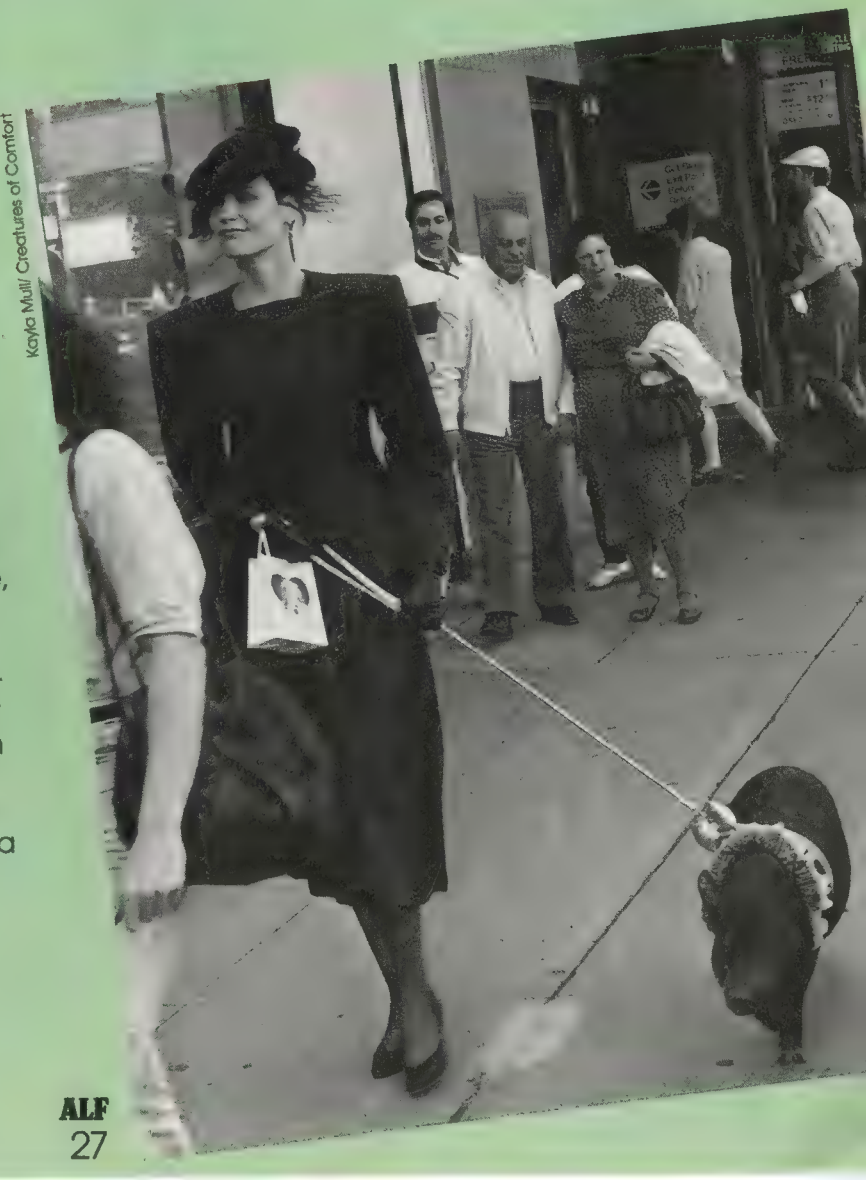
Written by Karen Harrison

Illustration by Dick Codor

Todd Gray/ LGI

LLAMA

The craze for pet llamas got a big boost from a certain eccentric superstar with the initials M.J. But if you've got a lot of property—like a ranch—a llama's not such an eccentric choice. These South American beasts of burden are calm, intelligent, and look like they're always smiling. Like horses, llamas eat hay (with fruit for dessert) and they don't mind giving kids rides. Your llama doesn't like the dark, and it hates rattlesnakes—so flush the rattlers out of your backyard before you turn it into llama-land.



Kayla Multi/ Creatures of Comfort

MINIPIG

Minipigs are actually a tiny swine breed called the Chinese potbellied. They're short but solid—about 16 inches high and about 75 pounds. They are rare, expensive, and therefore fashionable in Hollywood. Minis have personalities like their big pig relatives—sociable and affectionate, intuitive and trainable. Or, as one pig breeder says, "Dogs look up to you, cats look down on you, but pigs think they're your equal." Contrary to myth, pigs are very clean. But they do eat a lot . . . even a minipig is still a pig!

Joe McDonald/ Animals, Animals

GIANT TOAD

A giant toad is ugly but lovable—a gigantic green blob of noise and activity. His throat won't stop croaking and his tongue won't stop flicking at flies. (Owner tip: You can attract these tasty treats with a piece of meat strategically placed in your toad's cage.) In the winter your giant toad will hibernate like his cousins in Texas and Mexico. Give him a deep box of dirt and leaves to burrow in, and store your sleeping beauty in a cool place. Some toad owners keep their hibernating pets in the fridge! One warning: Giant toads don't mix with dogs and cats. The stuff the toad squirts from behind his eyes is poisonous to your furry friends.

Richard Kolar/ Animals, Animals

FERRETS

Ferrets aren't rodents; they're in the weasel family. If you still find them ratty, here's more ferret appeal: They're cuddly, clean, healthy, and hardy. They look like cats with dachshund bellies, and they have a cute, raccoon-like mask. Ferrets are easy to take care of. When they're raised in captivity, they're very tame. They don't mind a leash, get along with dogs and cats, and can share their food. Final Ferret Fun Fact: Males are called hobs and females are called gills—not girls, gills!

MELMACTIVITY

SERGEANT STAFF'S ORBIT ORDERS

Sergeant Staff left some orders for Gordon and his buddies on the ground crew. The trouble is, they're in code. Help Gordon crack the code before Sergeant Staff gets back from lunch—or everyone's in a peck of trouble. (And pecks on Melmac are a lot bigger than pecks on Earth!) *Answer on page 30.*

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2	F	G	H	I	J
3	K	L	M	N	O
4	P	Q	R	S	T
5	U	V	W	X	Y
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Emergency Code Cracking Hint Box:
A letter appears in each box where two rows meet. At the end of each row, there's a number and a symbol. The number and symbol together represent a letter. For example, the letter M is 3 🐱 . Now crack that code!

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BIG YUKS!

THIGH-SLAPPING, SIDE-SPLITTING, GUT-BUSTING JOKES (We Hope!)

How do you make the word "one" disappear?
Add a G at the beginning and it's "gone"!

Where does a sheep get its hair cut?
At a baa-baa shop!

What happens when you throw a rock into the Red Sea?
It gets wet!

Why did the duck cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off!

How do you make a bull stop charging?
Take away its credit card!

How does a monster count to 17?
On its fingers!

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Why did the turtle cross the road?
To get to the Shell station!

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ANSWERS

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The note says:
There will be a surprise inspection. When?
That is the surprise! Get it?

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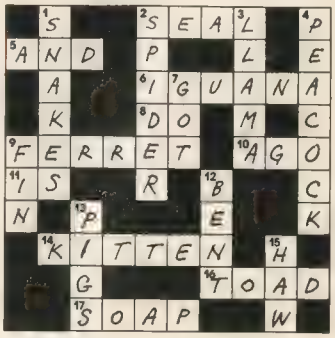

Gordon's girlfriend's name is:
RHONDA

ASK ALF

Q: I love the way you wear your hair. How can I get my hair to look like that?

Lila Newman,
New York, NY

A: I take great pains to make sure I always treat my hair right. If you want your hair to look like mine, do what I do. Hardly ever wash it, sleep on it at least twelve hours a day, and comb and brush it once a month, whether it needs it or not.

Q: I'm not like the rest of the kids in my class. They love rock music, I don't. They hate studying, I love it. I think I may be an alien. How can I be sure?

Jenny Mara,
Ann Arbor, MI

A: That's easy. Just take this simple test: Do you have two belly buttons? Does the word "zeed-o" mean anything to you? Do you crave toothpaste on your chocolate pudding? If you answered "Yes" to all of these questions, you may be an alien. If not, you're probably just going through a phase. Don't worry. You'll grow out of it.

Q: People always make fun of my nose. They say it's too big. You have a big nose. Does anyone make fun of you? What do you do?

Daniel Shanin,
Glen Ridge, NJ

A: And all this time I just thought that my face was small! Seriously, I don't really care what other people think of my nose. Back on Melmac, a doctor wanted to perform an operation that would make my nose smaller, but I was afraid he'd blow it. (I kill me!)

Q: I like to wear two different color socks. My friends think it's weird. I think it's cool. What do you think?

Zena Ascrizzi,
Providence, RI

A: I think it's cool, too! It reminds me of my younger days when I used to wear two different color pairs of underwear at the same time. (Of course, I wore one pair on my head!)

Q: I like to feed my dog scraps at the table during dinner. My mom yells at me. What should I do? A dog's got to eat, too.

Arlene Kammerman,
Houston, TX

A: Sometimes people food makes dogs sick. If kids feed their dogs every day, they won't need people food. On the other hand, people food hardly ever makes Melmacians sick. Maybe I'll drop by sometime around the dinner hour. . . .

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ANIMAL CROSSWORD

There are no animals called Vespas on Earth but there are plenty of other animals. Enough to fill this crossword and then some. Read the clues. Write the answers across and down. When you're done, write the letters that appear in the shaded boxes on the blank lines below. Unscramble them to spell the name of Gordon's girlfriend. If you need help, read the article on page 26.

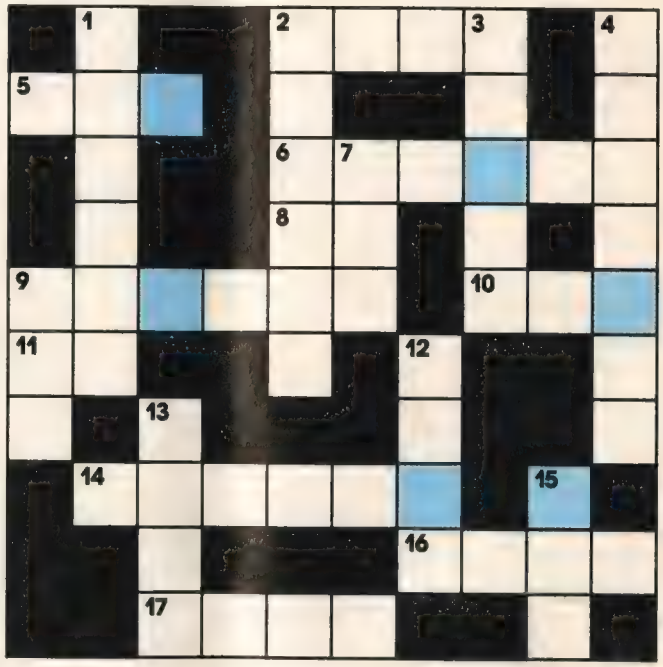
Answer on page 30.

Across

2 Barker or flipper-flapper
5 Peanut butter ___ ___ ___ jelly
6 Scaly green lizard
8 ___ ___, re, mi
9 Animal in the weasel family
10 Long ___ ___ ___ and far away
11 I am, you are, she ___ ___
14 ALF's favorite food
16 It's even bumpier than a frog.
17 It makes suds.

Down

1 They slither.
2 Charlotte is a famous one.
3 Michael Jackson owns one.
4 It has a tail in living color.
7 I can't remember. I for ___ ___ ___.
9 A fish steers with it.
12 Crooked
13 Mud lovers
15 "Hee ___ ___ ___," said the donkey.



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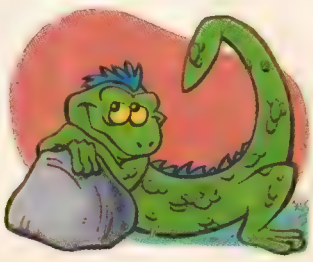

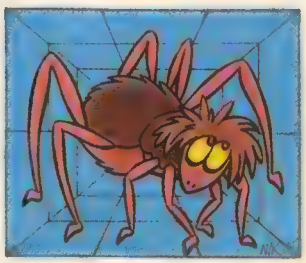

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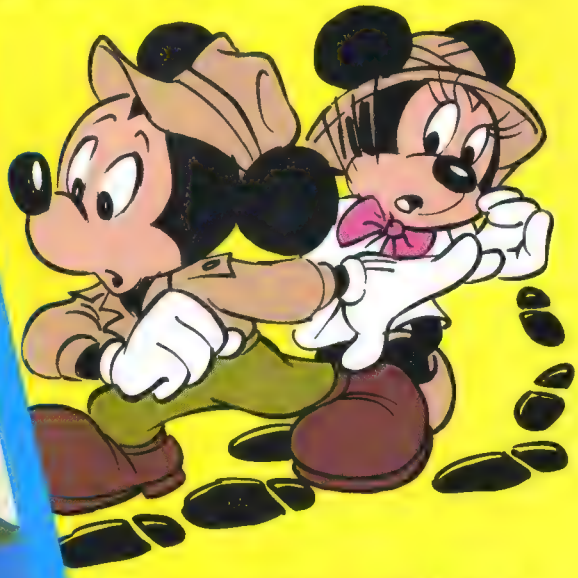

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6. Are you a happy kid?

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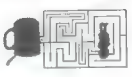
ANSWERS

1. CARROT, CORN, PEA, BEAN
2. The kid in the raincoat — he's not dressed for sports.
3. 
4. It's a chicken.
5. "Campbell's®" is not reversed.
6. Meatballs.

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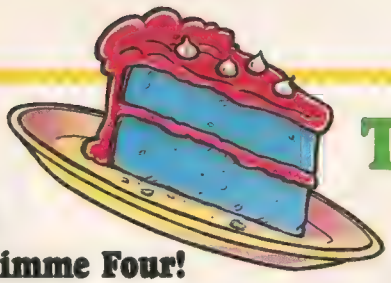

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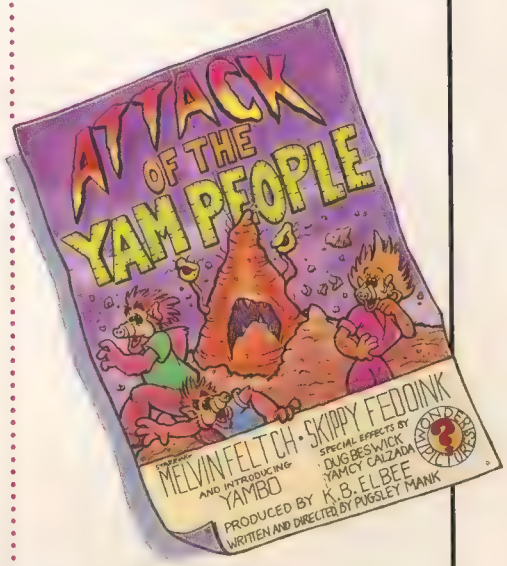

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GIMME FOUR!

We're back!

Yes, it's issue number two of *ALF Magazine*, dedicated to keeping you on the cutting edge of the wacky world of the ol' Alfer with more jokes, more chuckles, and more yuks than you can shake a grizzbain at!

As you might have noticed, it's spring. (And it's about time. We've been freezing our ears off.) We've got the whole spring thing covered in this issue: April Fool's Day, the opening of the baseball season, Mother's Day, and Stick Your Face In a Bag of Angry Squirrels Day, when all Melmacians celebrating their 129th birthday shave for the very first time.

And while you're flipping through the magazine, don't forget to look for the word "Bletskamalian." It's been strategically hidden in five places in this issue. (This one doesn't count.) Find all five and write their page numbers on the blank lines below. Then mail the sweepstakes ticket to us before May 29, 1989. We'll throw all the entries into a giant vat of lard—well, we think it's lard—and pick three lucky winners. They'll receive valuable ALF prizes and maybe, just maybe, free tickets to Uncle Stinky's World of Worms in beautiful downtown East Velcro. Winner's names will be printed in the Fall 1989 issue of ALF. Mail your entry to:

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So welcome back, and have another hoot and a half. Counting last issue, that makes four and a half hoots, so far!

ALFectionately,
The Editors

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LETTERS FROM EARTHLINGS

Dear *ALF Magazine*,
I like ALF's baby sister Augie and his brother Curtis. I wish they would stay at my house with me. Your magazine is really funny!

Alan Robinson
Hollis, Oklahoma

Dear ALF,
I loved *ALF Magazine*. I tried to make a few of the animal edibles from the Cat-Sup Diner and they were great! My favorite was the Spider Supreme. It looked so good though, I just couldn't eat it. Keep up the good work!

Bonnie Sard
Great Neck, New York

Dear ALF,
Your magazine is the coolest ever! The part about weird pets was the best. I wish I could have a pet llama. Then I'd be even more like Michael Jackson (my hero).

Dave McConnell
Cinncinnati, Ohio

Dear ALF,
The "Weird Pets" article was gross. I don't know how anyone could ever hold a tarantula. I mean, even though it has fur, it's still a spider and spiders are creepy. Other than that, I thought the magazine was funny.

Derek Brown
Burlington, Vermont

Dear ALF,
I think you are the greatest! Whenever your show's on, I have my friends over to watch and we have an ALF party. It's really fun. Maybe you could come to one in person sometime. My friends would be so excited, and me too!

Jim Wareck
Alexandria, Virginia

Keep in touch. Drop us line. Send your artwork. Send your parents. (Just kidding!) The address is:

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Gordon and his buddies are looking pretty pale these days. Zip up this ensemble with some color. And remember, on Melmac, orange and purple are considered a very fashionable color combo.

BE THERE...

ON THE FAD AND FASHION FRONT

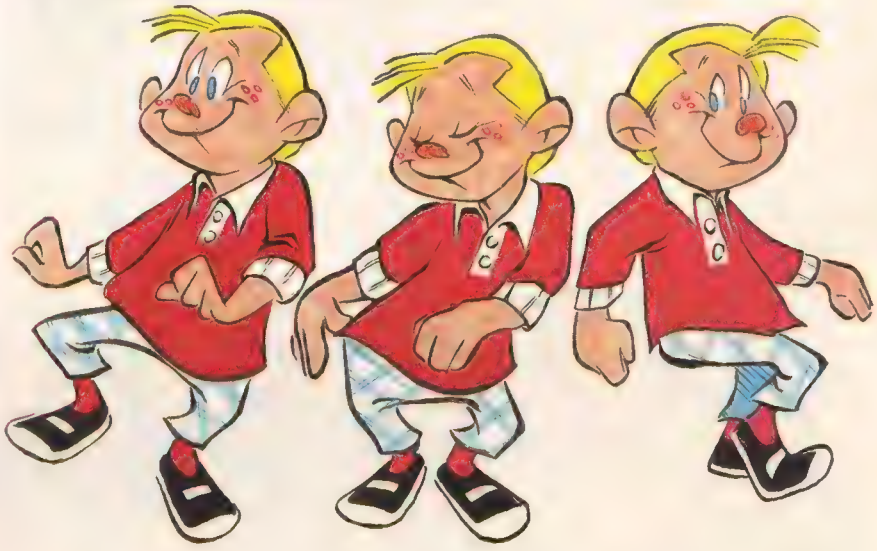
Shoelace Chic

Instead of tying your shoelaces on your shoes, tie them around your ankle. We're "knot" kidding!

The Shoe Must Go On—Wearing the same kind of shoe on both feet is boring! Wear two different shoes. Wear a white one on your left foot and a red one on your right foot. Reverse them the next day.

MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

There is a new dance craze sweeping the country. It's called the ALF. It's named after your favorite Melmacian and ours. That's right. ALF. (Who did you think it was named after? Flo?) Here's how to do it:



Bend right leg at knee, put weight on ball of foot,lean back.

Extend hands over right leg; bounce twice on that leg; with other leg slightly bent.

Shift weight to opposite side, repeat on that side.

TRY THIS AT LUNCH

Put the tips of your two index fingers together. Hold them in front of your body and press them together hard. Say to a friend, "I bet you your dessert you can't hold my wrists and pull my fingers apart. No jerking or pushing, please." You'll win.

APRIL FOOL JOKE SUGGESTION BOX

1. Wait until the end of the day when all the other kids have used up their April Fool jokes. Then go up to your teacher and say "You have a run in your stocking." It works every time. A word of advice: Don't try this if your teacher is wearing pants.
2. Don't answer your friends when they call you by your own name. Tell them you've changed your name to Rick Fusterman.
3. Speak Spanish in your French class. Say "Ola! Hoy es el dia de los April Fools!" Then laugh.

OR BE SQUARE

THE OFFICIAL ALF MAGAZINE LIST

Groups of animals have different names. You might think we made these 10 up but we didn't.

1 A gaggle of geese
2 A charm of goldfish

3 A murder of crows
4 A pod of whales
5 A pride of lions
6 A shrewdness of apes
7 A clutter of cats

8 A skulk of foxes
9 A cloud of gnats
10 An exultation of larks

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

English isn't the only language spring arrives in. Here's how to say spring in 11 other languages.

1	French	printemps	**7**	Hebrew	aviv
2	Spanish	primavera	**8**	Japanese	haru
3	German	Fruhling	**9**	Swahili	miwezi Machi-Juni
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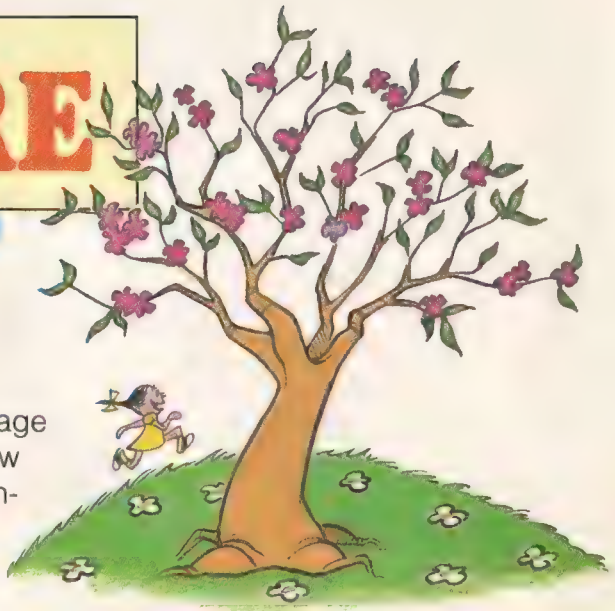

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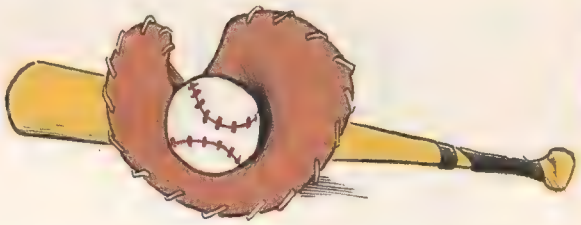

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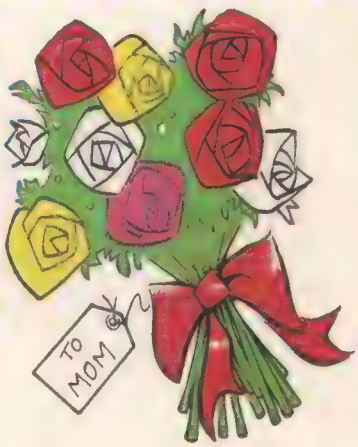

May 14—Mother's Day

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

The Story Behind the Date

The 1500's were wild! New Year's Day was celebrated from March 25 until April 1. In 1564, King Charles IX of France moved New Year's Day to January 1. A lot of people didn't want to stop celebrating on April 1. Other people called them April Fish. April Fish became April Fool when it got to England 200 years later.

OFFICIAL MELMACTIVITY

WHAT'S THE WORD?

Q: According to ALF, what's the best revenge?

A: If you can't beat them, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ !

To find out the answer to this riddle, unscramble the six words below. Then write the circled letters on the blank lines. Unscramble those letters too, and you'll find out what ALF likes to do best. *Answers on page 32.*
Hint Box: All the words below are types of cats.

BTBAY ◯ _ _ _ _

PALRODE _ ◯ _ _ _ _ _ _

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ACCILO _ ◯ _ _ _ _

DICK CODOR

WHEN YOU ASK FOR MORNING FUNNIES... YOU'RE ASKING FOR SOME FUN!

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WHAT'S COOKING AT THE Cat-Sup Diner

Bored with beige breakfasts? Mad at mundane meals? If burnt toast is the zippiest-looking thing on your plate, it's time to add some pizzazz to your meals with a little color.

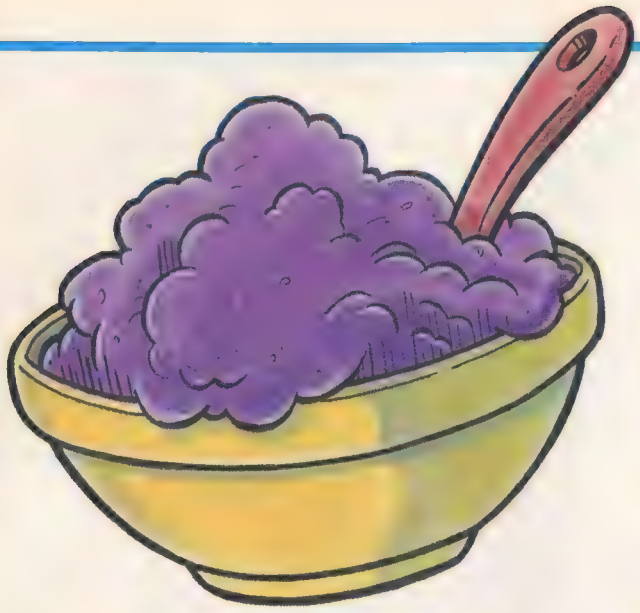
On Melmac, color is extremely important, especially when it comes to food. By law, a square meal on Melmac must include the recommended daily allowance of hot pink, neon orange, and ouch-that-hurts-my-eyes yellow.

Unfortunately, most of the ingredients used in Melmacian dishes are unavailable here on Earth. But Stella has concocted a few recipes anyone can make using regular, Earth food coloring. Your colorful cuisine may look weird, but it will taste the same as usual.

Swirly Sandwiches

In a bowl, mix cream cheese with a few drops of blue, red or green coloring. Flatten a piece of white bread with a rolling pin and trim off the crusts. Spread the colored cream cheese on it. Roll up the bread into little logs and fasten with toothpicks. Wrap in plastic and put in the refrigerator for a few hours. Slice each log into three or four round swirls.

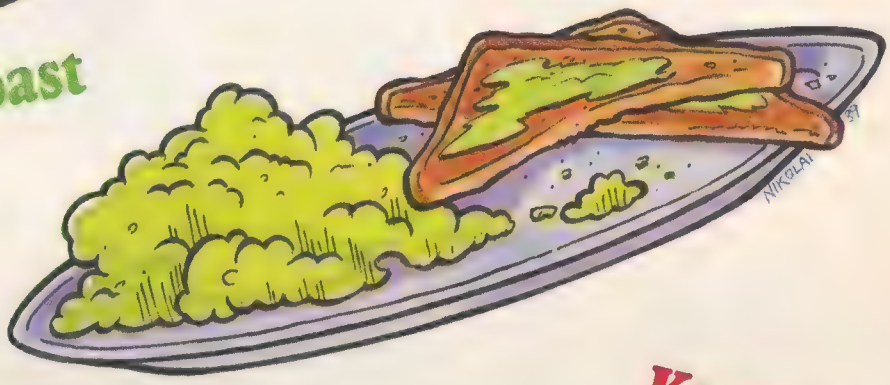
LARRY NIKOLAI



Tinted Taters

When dinner is looking a little drab, add sparkle to your spuds. Put four or five cooked potatoes in a bowl with half a stick of butter and a half a cup of milk. Mash them with a potato masher or whip them with a beater. Before serving, add a few drops of blue and red coloring and mash a little bit more to make a pile of purple potatoes. Dive in!

Green Eggs and Toast



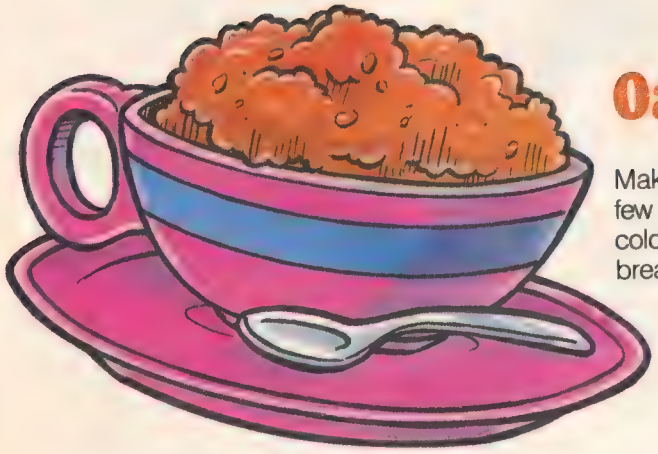
Sam-I-Am's idea of breakfast—green eggs & ham—might not have been so wild after all. Just splash a few drops of green into the eggs before scrambling (forget the ham).

For tinted toast, mush softened butter together with coloring in a bowl and then spread the mixture on toast. Make sure you tell everyone your secret ingredient or they'll think you're serving them a strange Bletskamalian mold experiment.

Kooky Cake

You can make any batter brighter by adding color. When you make batter for white cake, pancakes, waffles or bread, throw in some food coloring. Pink pancakes are a good way to wake up the family.

For a cool patriotic dessert, add blue coloring to white cake and add red coloring to white icing. Then dot some of the plain white icing on top of the red to look like stars.



Oatmeal a L'orange

Make regular oatmeal and add a few drops of red and yellow food coloring to make an eye-opening breakfast.

Color Control

Beware—when you mix too many colors together, you usually end up with an icky brown or black.

WRITTEN BY LIZ DARST

MOM-O-RAMA

As you know, Mother's Day is upon us again. So here are a few words from Gordon's favorite mom, Flo. Or, as he likes to call her, the Flomeister.

AN INTERVIEW WITH FLO

Q: What was your favorite Mother's Day gift from Gordon?

A: That's easy. When he was only 104 years old, he gave a little show in our living room. He put three bowling balls in his mouth and sang "I Only Have Eyes For You" in 28 languages while he breakdanced on a giant rodent. He was so cute. You want to see pictures?

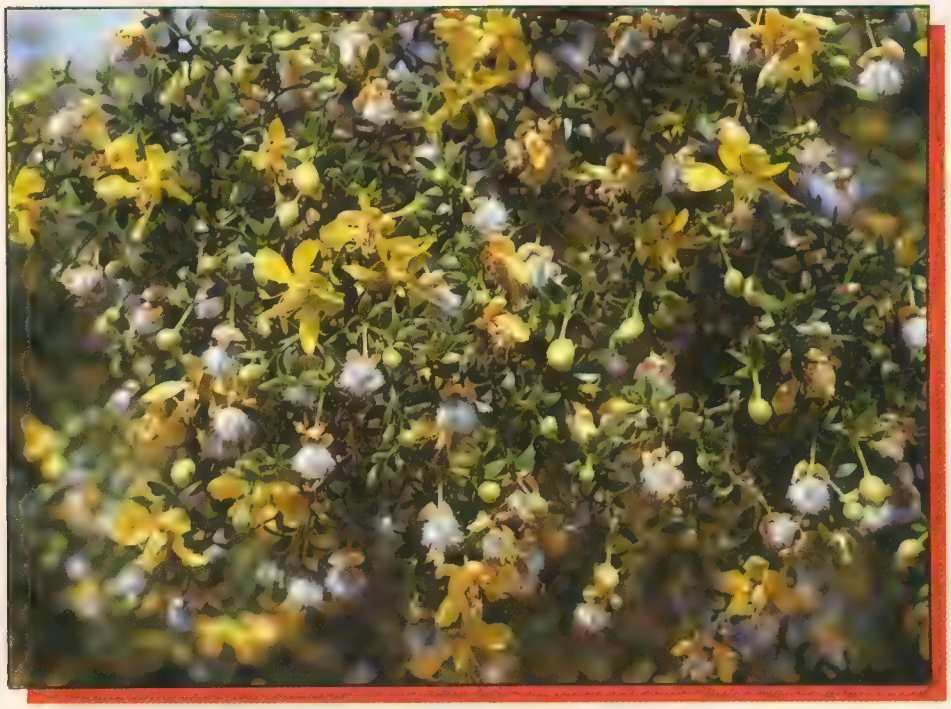
Q: Would you like to tell us a little story about Gordon when he was growing up?

A: I remember his first crush. Her name was Twinkie MacSkullnockers. He wanted to take her to the Junior Prom. When she said "Yes," he flipped. He even brushed all of his teeth that night. As a show of his affection, he bought her a beautiful bouquet of green onions. She cried. I guess she was really smitten with him, too. Unfortunately, they drifted apart over the years. She now sells inflatable Bletskamalian pigeons. Too bad. They made a cute couple. You want to see pictures?

Q: How do you like being a mom?

A: Well, it beats being hit over the head with a piece of runny Brie.

FIVE THINGS MOMS ARE LIKELY TO SAY



RONALD F. THOMAS

Creosote Bushes

Creosote bushes have a surefire way of living long lives—they poison the competition. When one of these babies moves into the neighborhood, nearby plants wither and die. Animals that try to eat its small, greasy leaves are poisoned, too. Creosote bushes are not only toxic, they're also tough. They can survive fires, floods, extreme heat, and extreme cold. One especially tough creosote bush in the desert of southern California is the oldest living thing on Earth: It's been alive for 11,500 years—about 164 human lifetimes.

M. P. L. FOGDEN

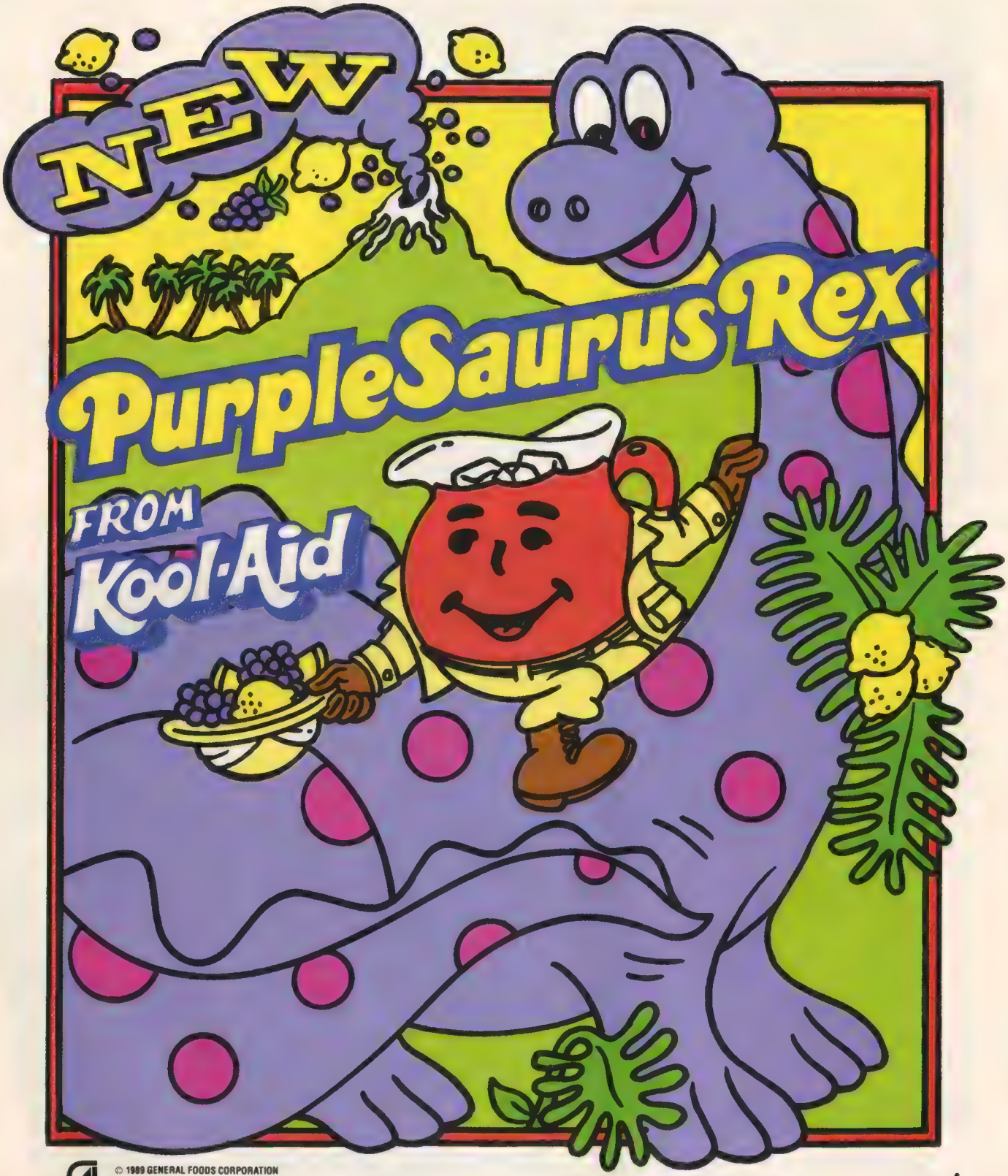
Lichen

Lichen like it cold. Lichen like it hot. Lichen like it wet. Lichen like it dry. In short, lichen like any place they can find as long as there isn't too much air pollution. These superadaptable plants are really two separate plants wrapped up in one: fungi and algae (AL-jee). The fungus half of a lichen team provides water and shelter. The alga half turns sunlight into food and energy. Together they thrive. But if the team is separated, both algae and fungi die. There's nothing like a lichen.

ROBERT E. PELHAM

Teddy Bear Cactus

This plant is called a teddy bear cactus because it looks a little like a teddy bear—soft, fuzzy, and cute. But if you have any ideas about curling up with it when you go to sleep, forget it! The soft-looking "fur" is really some of the sharpest spines produced by any cactus. Once they're planted in your skin, they're especially painful to rip out. Teddy bear cacti are sometimes called "jumping chollas," because the spines are so sticky they seem to "jump" off the plants and harpoon people who come too close.



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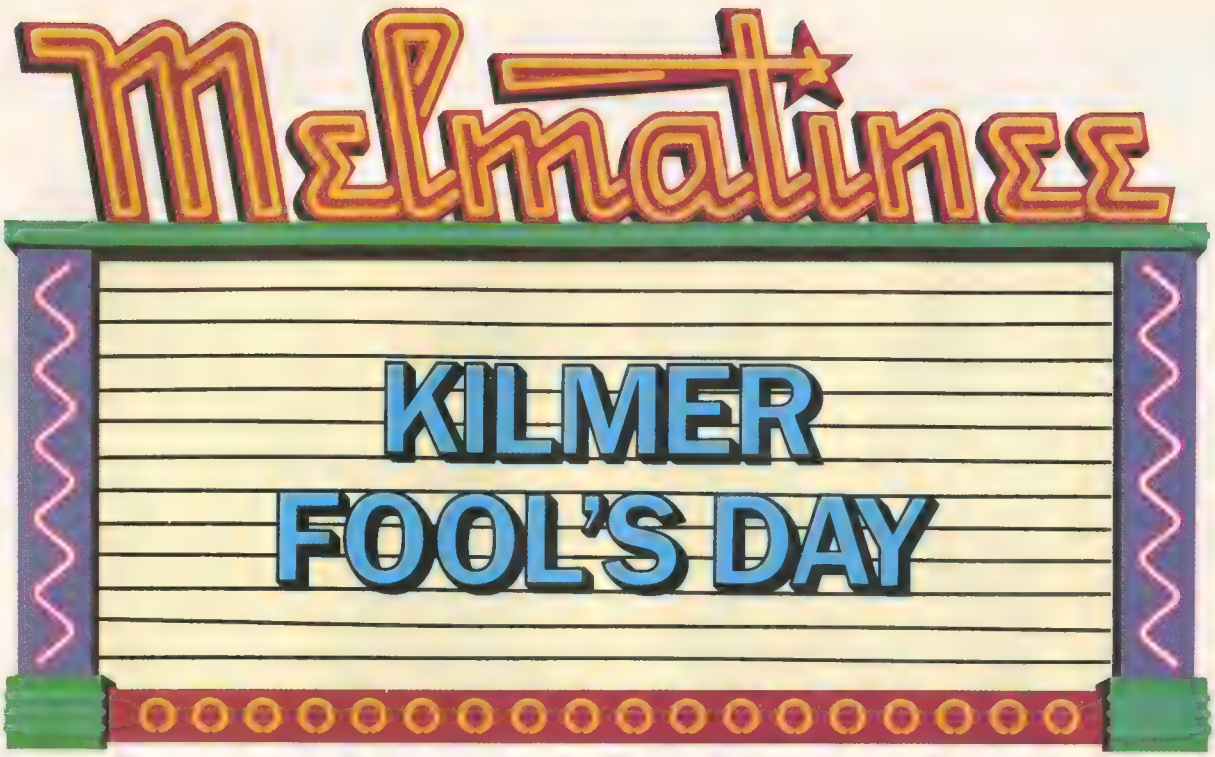

LIGHTS! CAMERA! MELMACTION!

It's Melmatinee time again! This month Gordon gets himself into big trouble when he promises one concert ticket to two people. So call your friends, choose your parts, clear your throats and start acting! When you're done, give yourself a hand. You deserve it!

ACT ONE

SETTING: The Shumway living room

NARRATOR: Gordon is about to settle down in front of the TV set with a can of slug nuts. He unscrews the top and a giant snake pops out.
GORDON: Yikes!
NARRATOR: Gordon knows only one person could have done that.
GORDON: Curtis! I've had just about enough of your stupid practical jokes!
NARRATOR: Curtis, Gordon's little brother, comes out from behind the couch.
CURTIS: Kilmer Fool! Kilmer Fool! Aw, c'mon, Gordon. These are official Bill the Magician magic tricks! Did you hear he's going to do his annual Kilmer Fool's Day trick right here?
GORDON: In our living room?
CURTIS: No. At the Mellywood Bowl! I can't wait!
GORDON: Who says you're going?
CURTIS: I have to go! I'll die if I don't see Bill the Magician! He's my idol!
GORDON: You've been behaving so badly lately, you don't deserve to go.
NARRATOR: Curtis throws himself at Gordon and hugs his legs.
CURTIS: Oh, pleeeeease! I'm your loving baby brother. This would mean so much to me. I'll never be a brat again.
GORDON: That I'd like to see. OK, Curtis. If you promise never to short-sheet my bed or put spinach in my tabby-paw pie, I'll take you to the show.
CURTIS: Alright! I'll be so good, you won't even recognize me!
NARRATOR: The next morning, before dawn, Gordon and his friends, Rick and Skip, are standing on line with hundreds of other people waiting to buy tickets for the show.
GORDON: Who'd have

STARRING

Gordon
Curtis, his brother
Rick Fusterman, his friend
Skip, his friend
Rhonda
Flo, his mother
Eddie
Bill the Magician
Narrator

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Eddie Flo Curtis

believed Bill the Magician, Melmac's only magician, would do his annual Kilmer Fool's trick right here in East Velcro!

RICK: I w-w-wonder what Bill's big trick will be this year?

SKIP: I loved last year's when he pulled a giant linoleum fish three miles with his teeth!

GORDON: My favorite was the year he turned the mayor of Melmac into a Gouda cheese.

SKIP: Yeah. You gotta love the guy. So, Gordo, are you taking Rhonda to the show?

GORDON: She said she was getting her own tickets, but we can all sit together. I'm taking Curtis.

RICK: My two sisters are fighting over who gets my extra ticket.

SKIP: Well, if my aunt can't make it, you can have my extra one. There's nothing scarier than the Fusterman sisters fighting.

GORDON: There's nothing scarier than the Fusterman sisters, period!

RICK: Hey! The line's moving! Looks like we're going to get our tickets!

NARRATOR: And they do. When Gordon gets home, he finds Curtis waiting anxiously by the door.

CURTIS: Did you get them?

GORDON: Were you good?

CURTIS: I helped Mom with the dishes. I helped Dad fix the car. I cleaned your room and did your laundry. I put on a puppet show for Augie and her friends and I spent quality time with Neep.

GORDON: You had a busy morning. And yes, I did get the tickets...

CURTIS: Hooray!!!

NARRATOR: Curtis dives for the tickets Gordon holds out. Gordon pulls them away just in time. Curtis lands on the floor.

GORDON: ...but I'll just hold on to them until I'm sure the "new" Curtis isn't just a phase.

CURTIS: Where are you taking my tickets?

GORDON: To Eddie's, where they'll be safe.

NARRATOR: Gordon, Rick, and Skip are in their usual booth at Eddie's Cat-Sup Diner. Rhonda enters and rushes over to them.

RHONDA: I'm so upset! Bill the Magician's show was sold out! And I wanted to see it so badly!

GORDON: You did?

RHONDA: Who wouldn't? Seeing Bill the Magician live is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

GORDON: Hold it, Rhonda. I have an extra ticket.

RHONDA: You do?

RICK: W-w-what about Curtis?

GORDON: Hey, I only promised I'd take him if he was good. We all know Curtis isn't capable of being good for more than a few minutes at a time. Rhonda, you're going to the show with me!

ACT TWO

SETTING: The Shumway living room

NARRATOR: Gordon comes home. Flo greets him.

FLO: Gordon, what did you tell Curtis that has turned him into the model son? He steamed the rugs clean, waxed your car, and matched up the socks for the entire family!

GORDON: You mean he hasn't done anything bratty or childish at all?

FLO: No. My little boy is

Rhonda Rick Skip

growing up.
GORDON: Your little boy is going to kill your big boy.
FLO: What?
GORDON: Oh, nothing. I just have to get the old Curtis back so I can take Rhonda to the concert.
NARRATOR: Curtis comes down the stairs.
CURTIS: Look! It's my favorite brother! I hope you don't mind, I organized your closets so your shirts are in alphabetical order by color.
GORDON: Why don't you go out with your friends and get into some mischief?
CURTIS: Not a chance. I'm going to see Bill the Magician.
NARRATOR: The phone rings.
CURTIS: I'll get it. Oh, hi, Rhonda. Yeah, he's here. What? You want to know what time he's picking you up for the Bill the Magician show? I'll check.
NARRATOR: Curtis politely puts the phone down, then lunges for Gordon's throat.
CURTIS: You lied to me! You told me you were taking me! You're a rotten brother!
GORDON: Hey, Curtis, calm down. It was an honest mistake. Nobody would have believed you could be good for this long. And Rhonda was so upset...
CURTIS: You haven't seen upset yet, Gordon. I'm going to lock myself in my room and never come out...and when I do, I'm going to get my revenge. What do you say to that?
GORDON: Kilmer Fool?
NARRATOR: Gordon goes off to Eddie's Diner. He meets Rhonda, Rick, and Skip there.
GORDON: Hey! Any of you guys got an extra ticket or know where I can get one?
RHONDA: I thought *you* had an extra ticket.
SKIP: He promised Curtis he'd take him.
RHONDA: Then you gave *his* ticket to me? That's terrible. I don't want to go to any concert with somebody who'd lie to his little brother.
NARRATOR: Rhonda gets up to leave.
GORDON: Rhonda, wait!
RHONDA: Get Curtis a ticket, Gordon.
GORDON *(Turning to Rick and Skip):* Guys, I need one of your tickets.
SKIP: I already gave mine to Rick.
RICK: A-a-and I'm not tangling with my sisters to get it back. They pump iron, you know.
GORDON: It looks like the only way I can save my relationship with Rhonda and protect myself from Curtis's revenge is to make the ultimate sacrifice.
RICK and SKIP: Not that!
GORDON: Yep. I'll give my ticket to Curtis.
RICK: W-w-what a nice brother you turned out to be.
GORDON: I have no choice. Curtis knows how to operate power tools.

ACT THREE

NARRATOR: Everybody is at the Mellywood Bowl for the big show. Everybody, that is, except Gordon. Depressed and alone, he goes to Eddie's Diner. Eddie is the only one working tonight and Gordon figures he'll be the only customer. But he's wrong. There's a strange man sitting at the counter. Gordon sadly sits next to him.

EDDIE: How come you're not at the magic show, Gordon?
GORDON: It's a long, sad story, Eddie. Give me a double cat-fudge sundae to drown my sorrows.
STRANGER: Won't be much of a show tonight, I'm afraid.
GORDON: You're not a big Bill the Magician fan?
STRANGER: Oh, I am. In fact, I *am* Bill the Magician.
GORDON: Yeah, right. And I'm President Goomer!
STRANGER: No, really.
GORDON: Then what are you doing here when you're supposed to be playing the Mellywood Bowl?
BILL: That's my Kilmer Fool's Day trick for this year! They all show up. I don't!
GORDON: That's stupid.
BILL: OK. The truth is, I couldn't think of a trick.
GORDON: But you're a legend! You can't just give up like that. That stadium is full of people who idolize you!
BILL: They'll get over it.
GORDON: My little brother has all your books, all your tricks, all your annoying practical jokes. He was so excited about seeing you, he cleaned his room. He even cleaned my room! You can't let him down!
BILL: Well, there's one trick I've always wanted to do but I need an assistant...
GORDON: I'll do it! Being on stage is much better than being in the audience! What do I have to do?
NARRATOR: Bill and Gordon put their heads together and work out a routine. Meanwhile, at the stadium...
RHONDA: Where is he? The show should have started an hour ago.
CURTIS: He's just building up the excitement.
SKIP: It doesn't get more exciting than this.
RICK: Wait! Look up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's...Bill the Magician!
NARRATOR: Everyone looks upward as a plane buzzes the packed stadium. The crowd goes wild.
CROWD: Yayyyyyyyyy!
NARRATOR: The plane

slowly makes its descent and lands on the stage. Bill gets out and is greeted by thunderous applause. **THE CROWD APPLAUDS**
NARRATOR: Then Gordon comes out and bows. But no one knows who he is or what he's doing there...except one person....
CURTIS: Look! It's Gordon!
RHONDA: Where?
CURTIS: On stage with Bill the Magician! Neat!
RICK: It *is* G-g-gordon! He must know Bill the Magician and just never told us.
CURTIS: Wow! My brother knows Bill the Magician!
NARRATOR: Bill gestures to quiet the audience so he can make an announcement.
BILL: Fellow, Melmacians, I almost didn't show up tonight because I couldn't think of any more Kilmer Fool's Day tricks. Then I met young Gordon Shumway here and he convinced me that the show must go on. With his help, I will bring you the best Kilmer Fool's Day trick ever. Are you ready, Gordon?
GORDON: Ready. (WHISPERING) What are we doing? You never told me.
BILL (WHISPERING): Trust me. Just lie down on this bench.
NARRATOR: Gordon hesitates, but the crowd cheers him on!
CROWD: Yayyyy!
NARRATOR: He lies down on the bench. Bill covers his body with a box. Only his head sticks out.
BILL: This is my most favorite trick ever and I haven't been able to do it since I lost my last assistant.
GORDON: I'm afraid to ask how that happened.
NARRATOR: Bill the Magician raises a huge saw over the box containing Gordon.
BILL: Ladies and gentlemammals, I am about to saw my assistant in half and then reconstruct him and turn him into a slab of Jarlsberg cheese!
CURTIS: Wow!!! That's my brother!!! This is great!!!
GORDON: Help!!! Isn't this the place where you're supposed to say "Kilmer Fool"? ●

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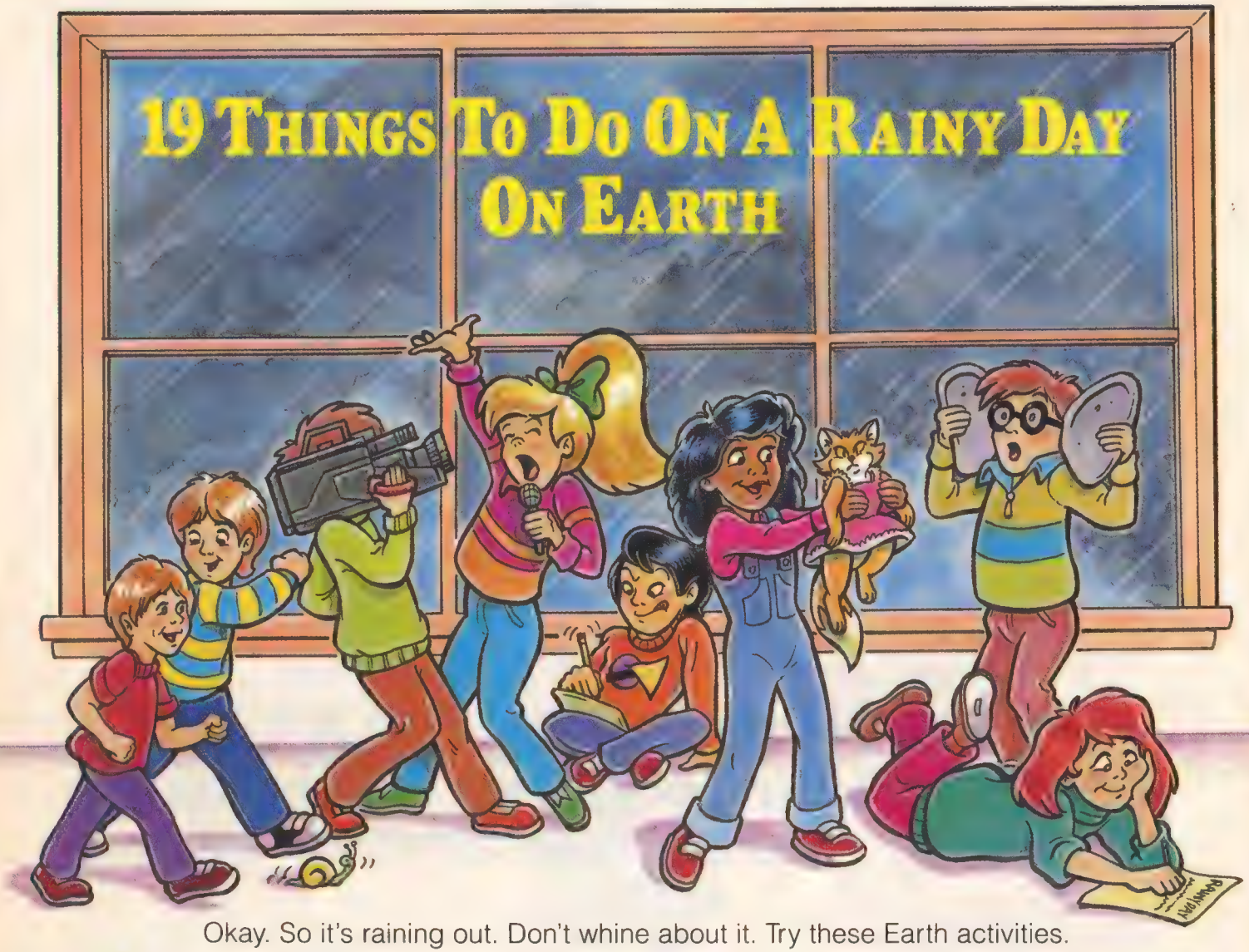

Okay. So it's raining out. Don't whine about it. Try these Earth activities.

1. Imagine what it would be like if your ears were as big as an elephant's.
2. Dress up your cat.
3. Ask your mother if you can borrow her hand mirror. Walk through the house looking only at the ceiling in the mirror. See if you can do it without bumping into any walls or furniture.
4. Lefties, draw a picture with your right hand.
5. Righties, draw a picture with your left hand.
6. Practice signing your name with your foot.
7. Get some friends together and perform the Melmatinee.
8. Start working on next year's Halloween costume.
9. Put all the states in alphabetical order.
10. Make a live music video.
11. Think of 21 things you want to do before you're 21. Do one of them.
12. See how many words you can make out of the word "Bletskamalian."
13. Write a letter to a friend using letters and words you cut out of newspapers and magazines.
14. Put four crackers in your mouth. Chew. Don't swallow. Try to whistle the ALF theme song.
15. Watch TV with the sound off and make up your own dialogue.
16. White out the speech bubbles in a comic book and write in your own words.
17. Have a "slow" race with your friends. See who can take the longest time to cross the room.
18. Do 25 push-ups.
19. Try making Stella's recipes.

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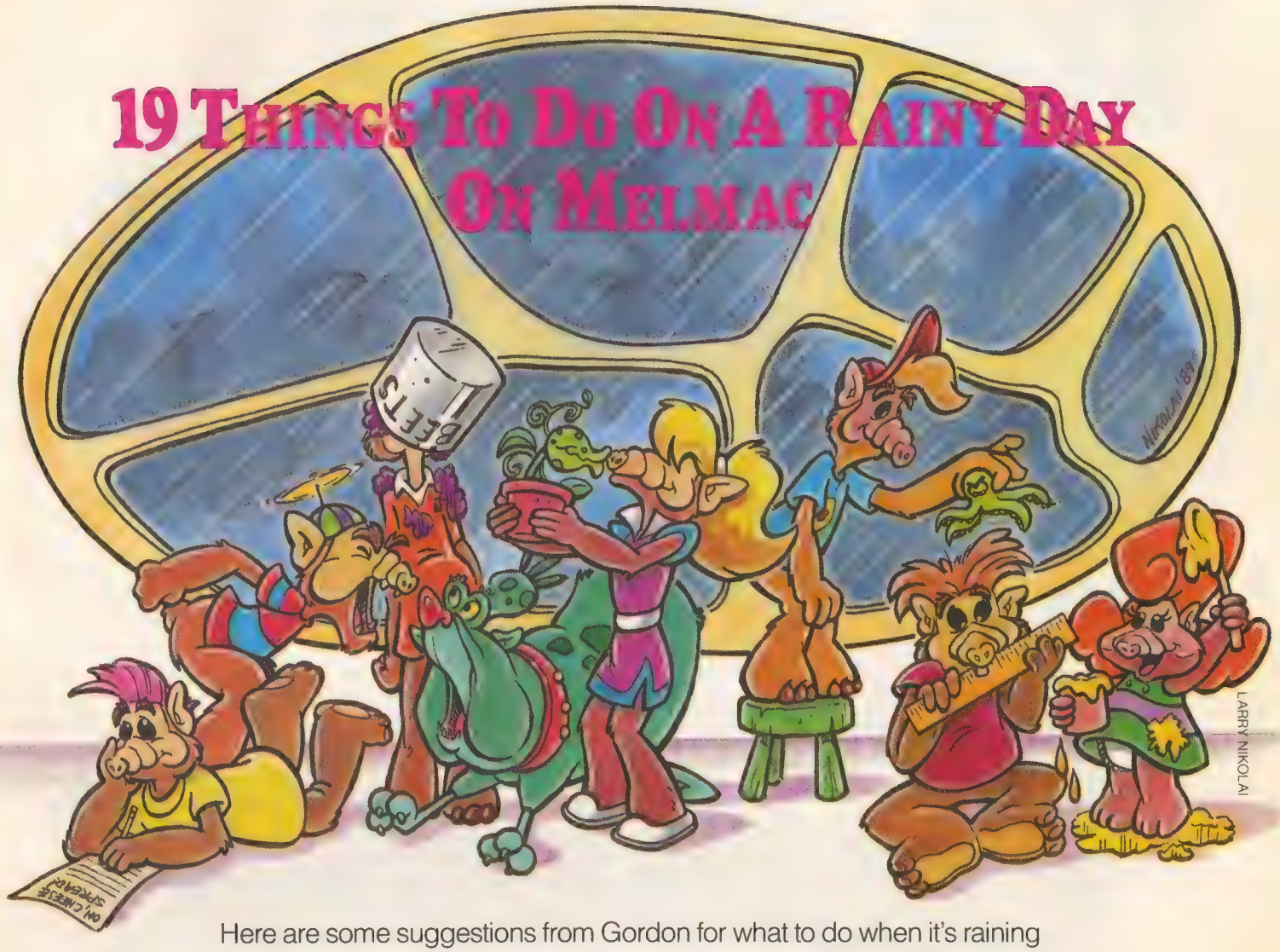

Here are some suggestions from Gordon for what to do when it's raining cats (Yum!) and dogs on Melmac.

1. Spread pudding on a neighbor.
2. Imitate a jar of strained beets.
3. Measure your teeth.
4. Belch at a pet.
5. Hide a turnip in one of your parent's dresser drawers.
6. Find the insect that most resembles President Goomer.
7. Dress up brussels sprouts to look like Aunt Rebecca.
8. Laugh at your shoes.
9. Stick a piece of seafood on someone named Bob.
10. Write a song about cheese spread.
11. Climb the living room walls, using your lips as suction cups.
12. Huck up a fur ball or two.
13. Wax and polish your socks.
14. Dance with a wax fruit.
15. Eat broccoli with a straw.
16. Ignore your breakfast cereal.
17. Put a couch in your bathroom.
18. Kiss a common house plant.
19. Jump in the air three times while eating oatmeal on a stick.

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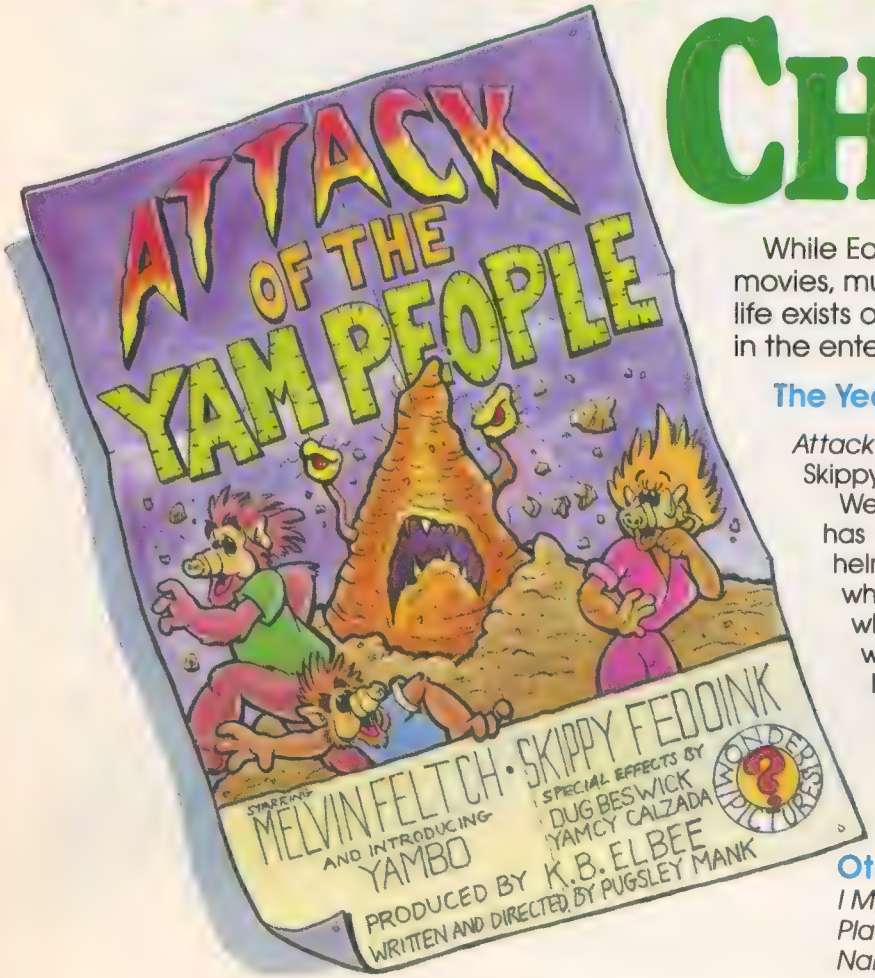


While Earthlings are always interested in video, movies, music, and books, they seem to forget that life exists on other worlds. Here is a list of what's hot in the entertainment industry on Melmac.

The Year's Hit Movie

Attack of the Yam People starring Melvin Feltch and Skippy Fedoink ★★★★½

Well, Wonder Pictures [If it's good, it's a Wonder!] has done it again! Director Pugsley Mank has helmed a gripping tale about a farmer [Feltch] who accidently spills Mexican cheese sauce while weeding out his garden. Soon, he and his wife Gretta [Fedoink], realize that his mistake has taken its toll. The townspeople begin to change into giant yams, which can only be stopped by spreading bean dip on their shorts. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss five bucks good-bye.

Other Films To Watch Out For:

I Married a Twinky from Dade ★★★★★
Planes, Trains, Automobiles and a Guy Named Bart ★★★½
The Fish Yawns at Midnight ★★★★
Stale Beef and Other Things that Remind Me of You ★★★★¼
Maximum Overbite. . .Just When You Thought It Was Safe to Go to the Dentist ★★★

Hot Albums

Homer Frizzborn Sings the Blues by Homer Frizzborn and The Nose ★★★½

While not as dynamic as his last album, *You Can't Teach an Old Trout How to Tune a Harp with Its Teeth*, Frizzborn's latest three-sided, live album shows us a side of him that can't be captured in the studio. The strongest two tracks, "Tell Me I'm Short" and "Tweek My Radish," have already climbed high on the Top 17¼ list. Frizzborn is at his best because he is leading his old band, The Nose. Turn the lights down low and curl up next to someone you love. (If you can't curl up next to someone you love, strained beets are a good substitute.)

Other Hot Tracks:

"Spoon-feeding a Carp" by Llama Love ★★★★
"I've Screamed at My Socks Over You" by The Exploding Sheep ★★★½
"Love Me or I'll Stomp On Your Pig" by J. R. Figgg ★★★★
"Mustard Makes Me Laugh" by Cranberry Echoeplex Furniture Barn Fist ★★★★★

Popular Books—Fiction

Serve 'em Up by Rickki Roberts ★★★★★

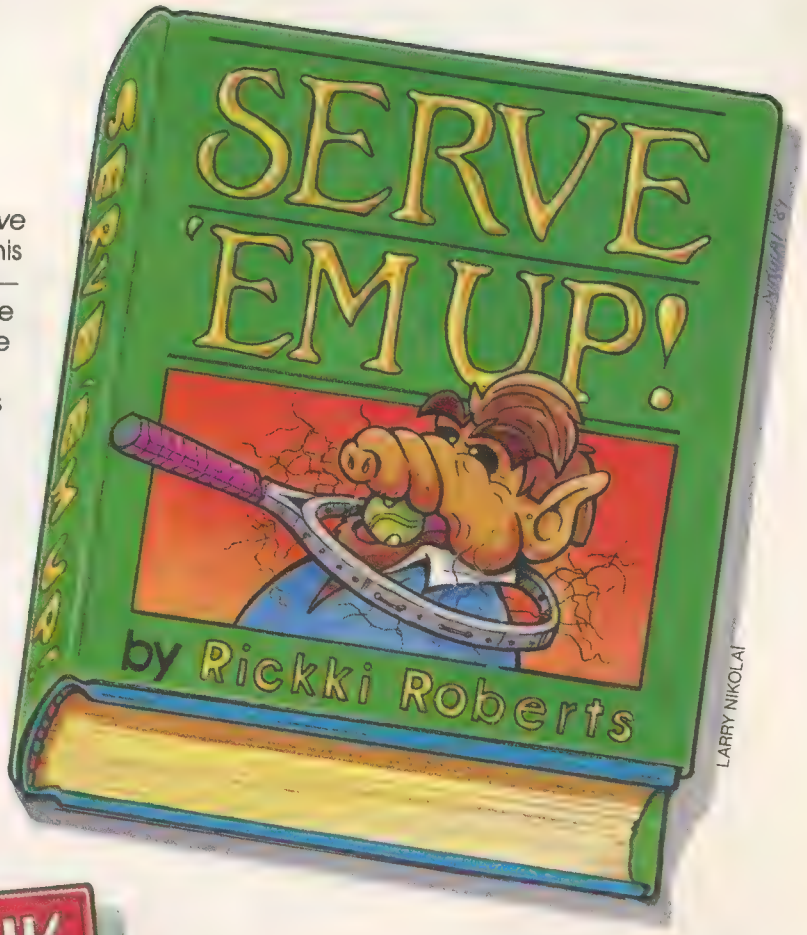
Number one for the past 28 weeks, *Serve 'em Up* traces the roots of the fictional tennis pro, Anck Mooselips from birth—in 1726—until his untimely death at the tender age of 925. The most riveting part comes at the end, when Rickki Roberts proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that Anck Mooselips died after spending fifteen minutes inhaling next to a talent agent.

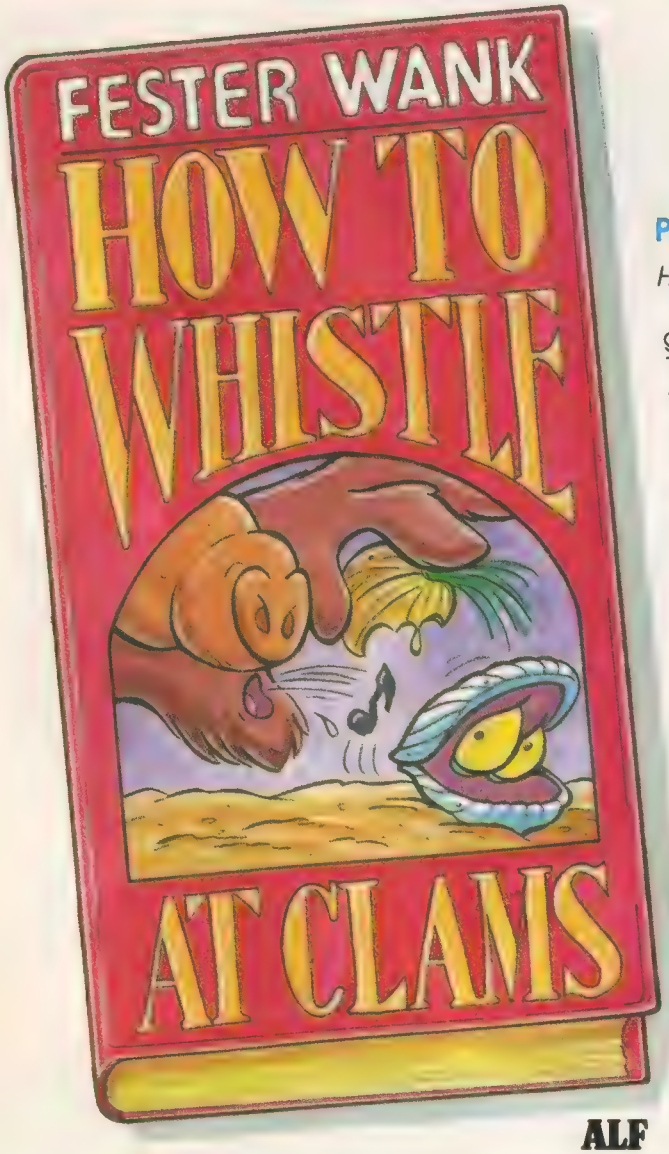
Other Fiction Best-Sellers:

Laughing at Prune Danish by Winky Futter ★★★½

The Policewoman Wore a Hat by Wally Wendlehouse ★★★★

Memories of a Goat Tickler by Goober McFarlane ★★★





Popular Books—Nonfiction

How to Whistle at Clams by Fester Wank ★★★½

The fine art of making noises at seafood is categorized in great detail in *How to Whistle at Clams.* This latest work is far better than Fester Wank's last two books, *How to Belch at Shark* and *How to Yodel at Halibut* because, as we all know, whistling at clams must be taught by trained professionals, who have gone to school specifically to learn this age-old art. We can only hope that in his next book, Fester will finally tackle *How to Giggle at Carp.*

Other Nonfiction Best-Sellers:

My Life as a Cheese Cruller by E. H. Skullnarps ★★★★

The Day My Lawn Tractor Winked at Me by Elmo Gritts ★★¼

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Holy catfish, is this picture a mess! There are 13 things wrong. Can you find them all?
Answers on page 32.

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Q: I'm always the last kid picked for a team in gym. Just because I'm small, doesn't mean I'm not good at sports. Have you got any advice for me?

Brittany Dunham
St. Petersburg, FL

A: Trust me, I know where you're coming from. I was a normal-sized guy on Melmac but since I, uh, bumped into Earth shall we say, I've noticed that I have a slight disadvantage in the height category, too. Fear not! The answer is simple: Just do your best at whatever you do and sooner or later people will look past your height and begin to notice your abilities. Piece o' cake!

Q: I want to ask a girl in the eighth grade out. I'm in the seventh grade. I'm afraid she'll laugh at me. What should I do?

Jamie Nickolaus
Verona, NJ

A: Ah, I see you go for older women, too. Nice move. If you want my honest opinion, go for it! Look at it this way, any person who laughs at you for being honest or showing your true feelings isn't the kind of person you want to date anyway. You might not believe this—seeing as I'm such a dashing type of guy—but I got laughed at a few times. It goes away faster than you think. Let her know how you feel. It just might surprise you.

Q: I don't know what to get my mother for Mother's Day. Have you got any suggestions?

Rusty Matthews
Houston, TX

A: If a Porsche 949 is out of the question, try doing her a favor that will make her life easier. Wash the dishes, dust the living room, make her favorite breakfast, etc. Believe me, she'll like that much more than a tie. Or do you give ties on Father's Day? Who can tell on this wacky planet!

Q: My mom is making me take piano lessons. I have to practice scales while all my friends are at the mall shopping. I hate piano. Did you ever take an instrument on Melmac?

Avi Drucker
Los Angeles, CA

A: I wish I could have taken an instrument, but I had the opposite problem. While all my friends were learning how to play our version of the piano, my parents made me go shopping at the mall. I guess parents are the same wherever you grow up.

Q: I notice you never brush your teeth. Don't you get a lot of cavities?

Janet Glucksman
Jericho, NY

A: You'll also notice I only have four teeth. I've been brushing a lot more lately, so next season I won't be gumming everything I eat. I mean, it looks so gross to gum on television.

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SIAMESE

A: If you can't beat them, eat them!

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4. ALF is wearing two different sneakers.
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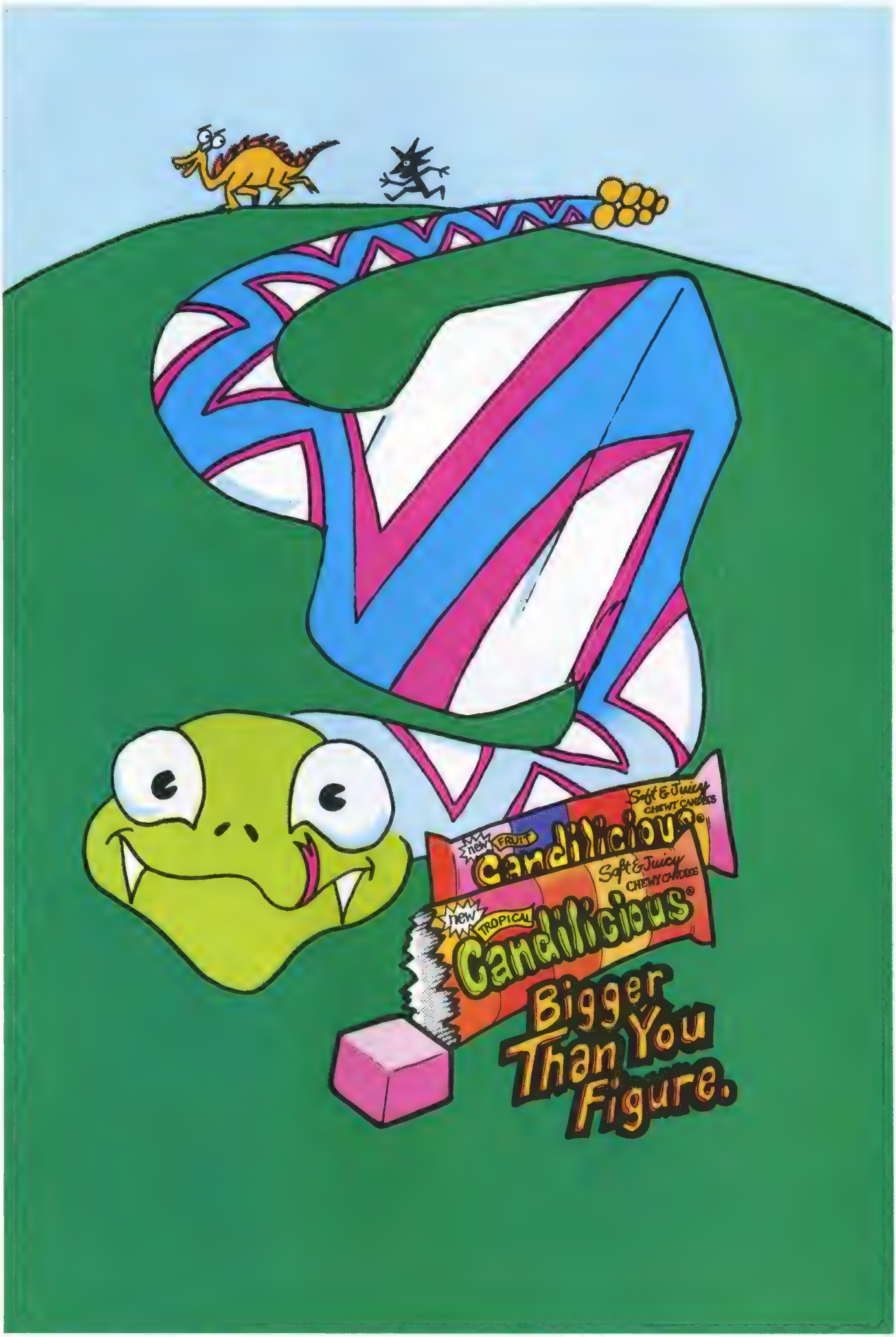
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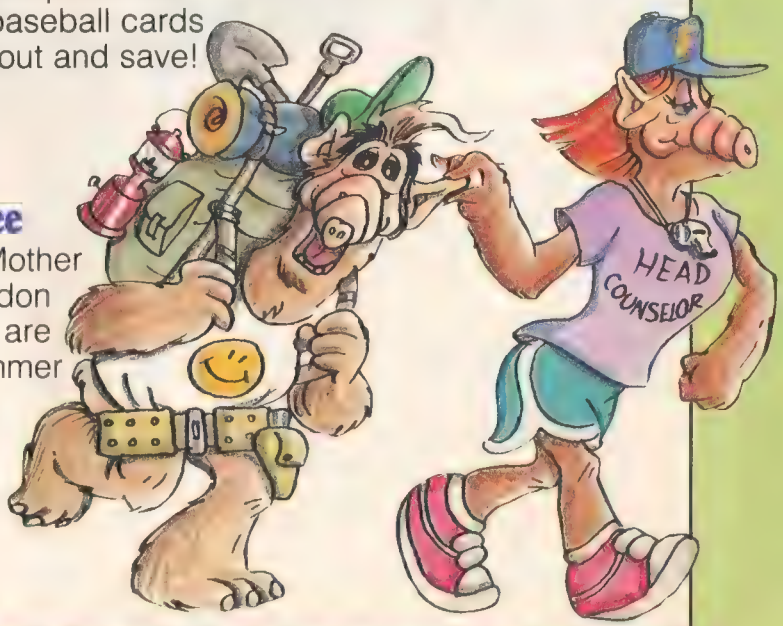

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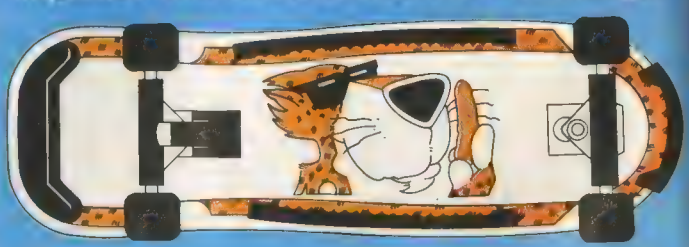

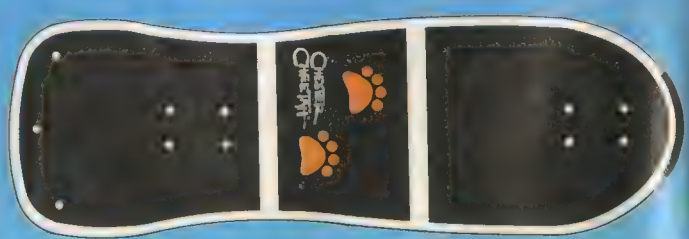

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First of all, we'd like to say "Surf's up!" So we will . . . "Surf's up!" Gosh, that felt good. And speaking of the surf (we were speaking of the surf)— join ALF on the beach where he's catching waves, hanging 6, and wiping out like the big Kahuna. (Kahuna, on Melmac, means one who waltzes with a halibut.)

For all you sports fans, we've got exclusive, new never-before-seen-on-this-planet Bouillabaseball cards with some of the greatest players of Melmac's national sport. Read 'em! Clip 'em! Save 'em! Trade 'em for house plants.

But wait! Don't turn the page yet! Check this list of winners of our first *Alf* Sweepstakes.

Tim DeWitt, Age 9
Baden, PA

Olav McKee, Age 10
Athens, NY

Andrew Tupper, Age 8
Searsport, ME

Shawn Fisher, Age 11
Eugene, OR

Brad Morgan, Age 10
Des Moines, IA

Tom Valentine, Age 10
Grosse Ile, MI

Aric Koboski, Age 8
Parishville, NY

Daniel Shain, Age 9
San Francisco, CA

Tara Lee, Age 11
Dahlonega, GA

Natasha Thompson, Age 8
Norman, OK

And don't forget to enter this issue's sweepstakes. We've hidden 5 tubes of "Burn No More" suntan oil throughout the magazine. Write their page numbers on the blank lines below and mail your entry to us at:

ALF Magazine/Sweepstakes
Welsh Publishing Group
300 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017
Mail it by July 31, 1989.

As usual, we'll throw all the entries into a large bucket of reconstituted parrot lips, add a quart of lard, and pick five winners . . . that is, if we don't eat them first! Winners names will be announced in the Winter issue of *Alf*.

Okay. You can turn the page now. And don't forget your shades!

ALFectionately yours,
The Editors

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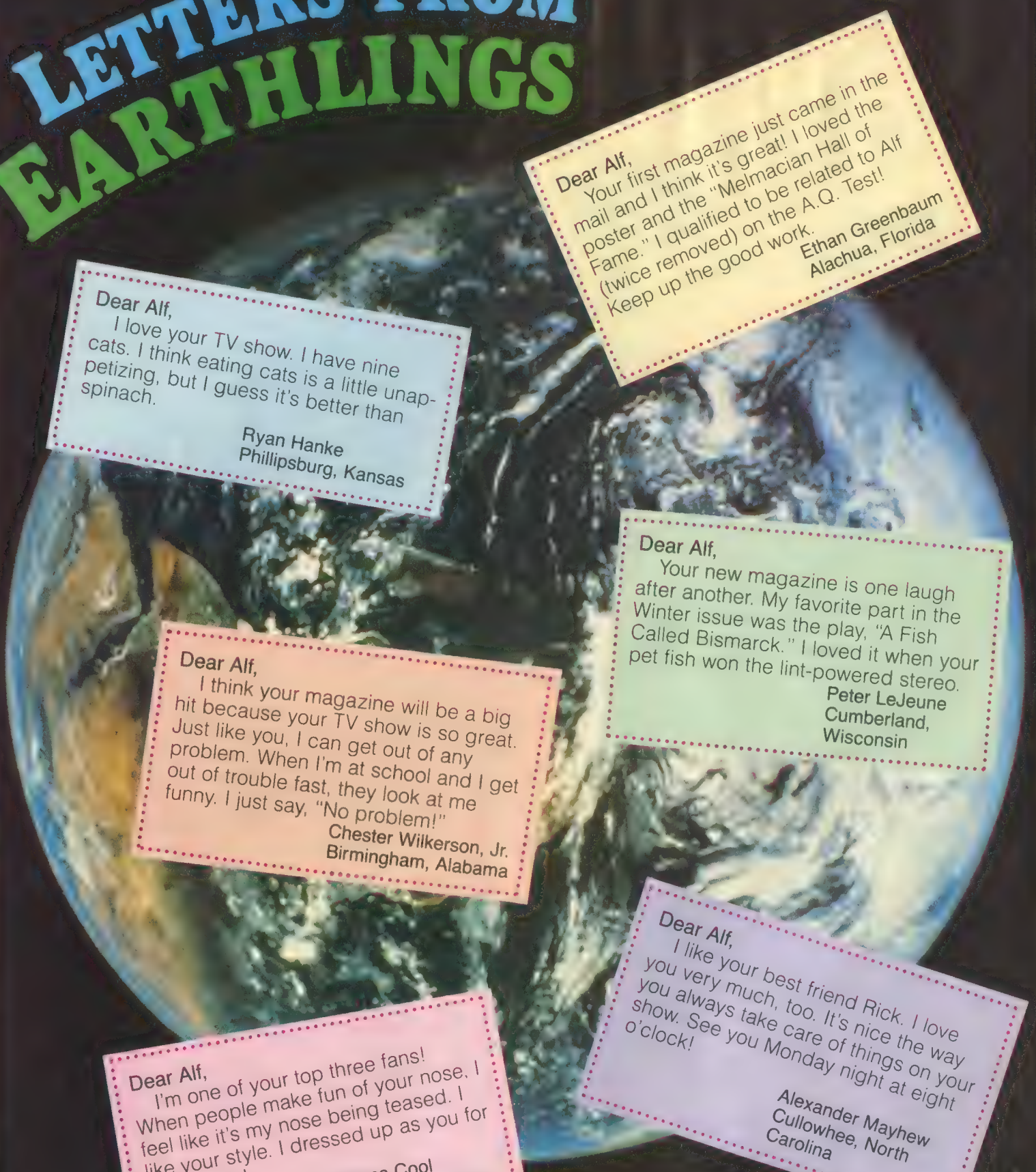
LETTERS FROM EARTHLINGS



Dear Alf,
Your first magazine just came in the mail and I think it's great! I loved the poster and the "Melmacian Hall of Fame." I qualified to be related to Alf (twice removed) on the A.Q. Test! Keep up the good work.

Ethan Greenbaum
Alachua, Florida

Dear Alf,
I love your TV show. I have nine cats. I think eating cats is a little unappetizing, but I guess it's better than spinach.

Ryan Hanke
Phillipsburg, Kansas

Dear Alf,
Your new magazine is one laugh after another. My favorite part in the Winter issue was the play, "A Fish Called Bismarck." I loved it when your pet fish won the lint-powered stereo.

Peter LeJeune
Cumberland,
Wisconsin

Dear Alf,
I think your magazine will be a big hit because your TV show is so great. Just like you, I can get out of any problem. When I'm at school and I get out of trouble fast, they look at me funny. I just say, "No problem!"

Chester Wilkerson, Jr.
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Alf,
I like your best friend Rick. I love you very much, too. It's nice the way you always take care of things on your show. See you Monday night at eight o'clock!

Alexander Mayhew
Cullowhee, North
Carolina

Dear Alf,
I'm one of your top three fans! When people make fun of your nose, I feel like it's my nose being teased. I like your style. I dressed up as you for Halloween!

Rebecca Cool
Algona, Washington

CAN YOU SOLVE LUCKY'S CHARM CHALLENGE?

Lucky needs help finding six marshmallow charms hidden somewhere in the picture. Find the shapes, then match them up with the colors below! (But the clover on Lucky's hat doesn't count!)

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Yellow _____ Green _____

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Dear Alf,
You are my favorite movie star. I don't think I like any actors or actresses more than you and all of your Melmacian friends. I wish I could see you in real life and not just on TV.

Christina Swanson
Rincon, Georgia

Dear Alf,
Hey, no problem! You are definitely all right bouncing to the tunes on your headphones. I've been practicing your style, and I think you could benefit from another cool dude on the ground crew. No kidding. I could live on Melmac. How about it?

Chad Chiles
Atlanta, Texas

Dear Alf,
I think you are the best. I don't care what anyone says about your nose. I think your nose is the cutest nose in the world! See ya!

Stephanie Barnhart
Las Vegas, Nevada

Keep in touch. Drop us a line. Send your artwork. Send your parents. (Just kidding!) The address is:

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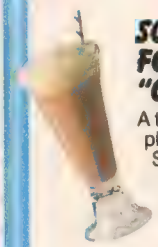

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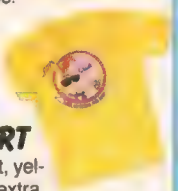

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Cool Shades—Cover your eyes with sunglasses that are dark, dark, dark! Wear them everywhere. Even inside.

In the Pink with Zinc—Zinc oxide is the sunscreen of the surfers. It comes in different colors. Choose one that matches your mood. Use it on your face when you're at the beach. Your nose will thank you

SUN FACTS

Temperatures at the sun's core can reach 27 million degrees Fahrenheit. It's a lot cooler on the surface: only 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Don't forget your deodorant!

The sun is 93 million miles away from Earth. But it only takes eight minutes for the light to get here. There's no 55 mph speed limit in space.

The sun's gravity is about 27 times stronger than Earth's. If a cat weighs 9 pounds on Earth, it will weigh 250 pounds on the sun. Too heavy for ALF to lift!

The sun is one giant nuclear reactor. It will probably shine for another 5 billion years. That's what we call solar power!

SOL FOOD

Use some solar energy to make a refreshing summer drink. Here's how

1 Fill an empty mayonnaise jar with water

2 Drop in 4 to 6 herbal tea bags. Use any kind of tea you want: mint, raspberry, lemon, or whatever

3 Cover the jar and put it in the sun for one whole day

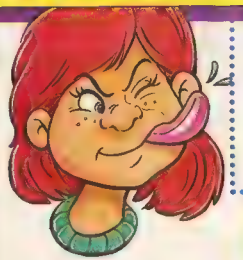
4 Open the jar. Add ice, lemon, and honey

5 Pour a glass for yourself and your friends. Take a sip and say "Ahhhh!"

Illustration by Larry Nolte

SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER

Father's Day—June 18
Independence Day—July 4
Sylvester Stallone's Birthday—July 6
The opening of the Bouillabaseball season—Barp 10
Picnic Day, Australia—August 7



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A TRICK TO TRY AT THE BEACH

Bet your friends their ice cream that you can stick out your tongue and touch your ear. Then, amaze them and do it: stick out your tongue and touch your ear . . . with your finger!

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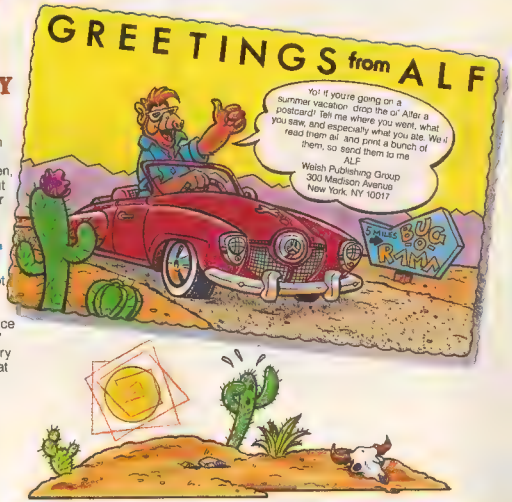

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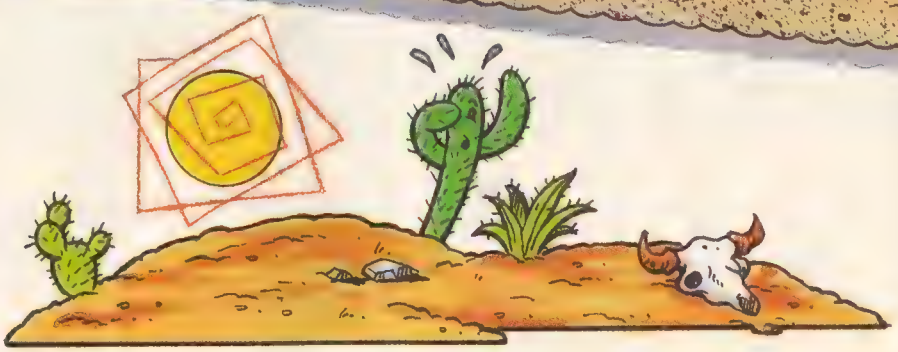

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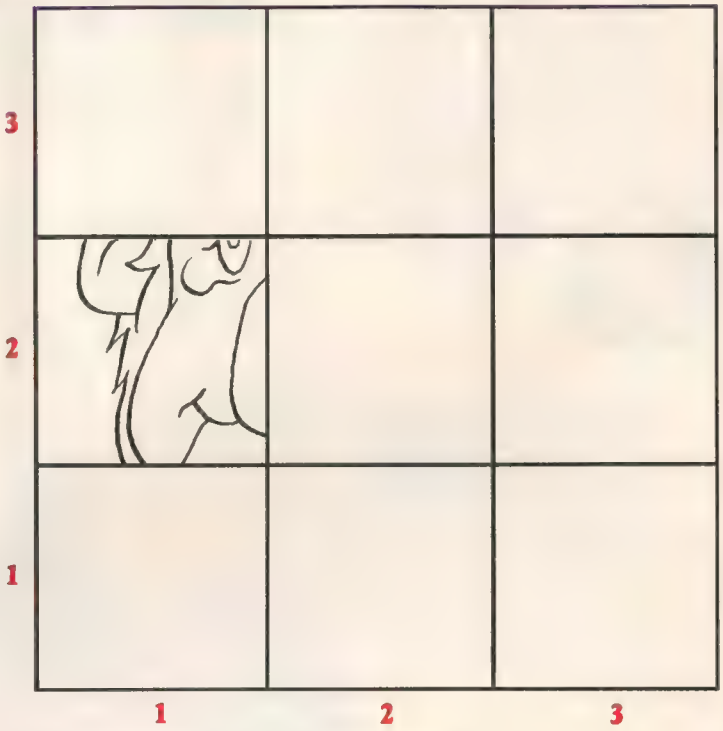
GORDON'S GRID

There's a picture of someone in Gordon's family on this page. You don't believe us? Find out for ycurself. Draw exactly what's in each box onto the empty grid. Use the numbers below each box to help you figure out where on the grid to draw. The first number tells you how far across the grid to put the box. The second number tells you how far up the grid to put the box. We did one for you. *Answer on page 30.*



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WHAT'S COOKING AT THE Cat-Sup Diner

TREATS THAT BEAT THE HEAT

Another one of those long, hot, hot, summer days. When you go outside, it feels like your hair is melting, slowly sliding off your forehead and dripping down your neck. A real scorcher.

What can you do to cool off? Melmacians cool off by sucking on frozen Flezonia beans. By keeping their insides cold, they stay cool on the outside. Since Flezonia beans have been know to cause humans to jump up and down and say Zowie, they can't be used here on Earth. Instead, we have ice cream and other icy concoctions to help us keep cool. Here are Stella's recipes for some tasty heat-beating treats.

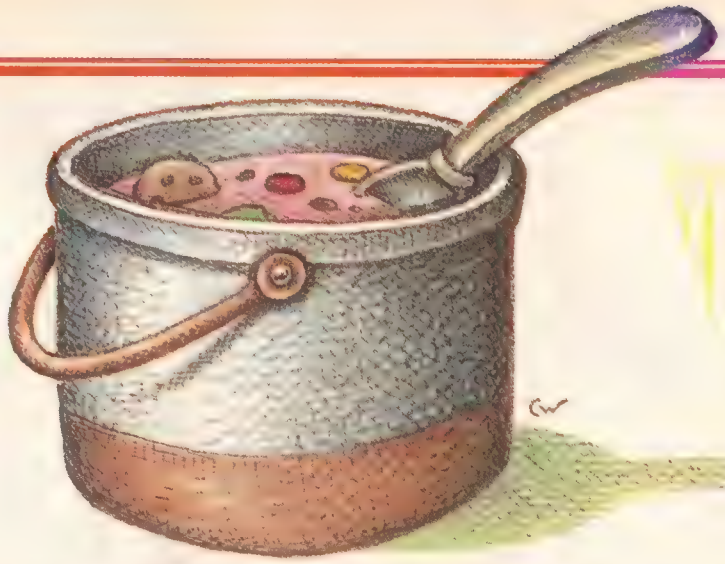
Ice Cream Fondue

Scoop a carton of ice cream out into a big bowl. Vanilla or chocolate works best. Let it melt until it is completely liquid. Cut up pound cake or plain doughnuts into bite-sized chunks and stick toothpicks into each piece. Invite your friends over for a fondue party. It's *so* sophisticated. Not really, but you can act like it. Have everyone dunk their chunks of cake into the fondue bowl, then roll the moist chunk in a bowl of nuts or sprinkles. Be sure to stick your pinky out while dunking.

by Elizabeth Darst

Ice Cream Stew

In a big bowl or pot, dump in any flavor ice cream and then go wild. Throw in anything that's ice cream compatible: granola, crunchy cereal, peanut butter, raisins, nuts, crumbled cookies or doughnuts, dried or fresh fruit, chocolate chips, M & M's, etc. Stir the whole thing together until it becomes soupy, then ladle out into bowls and enjoy.



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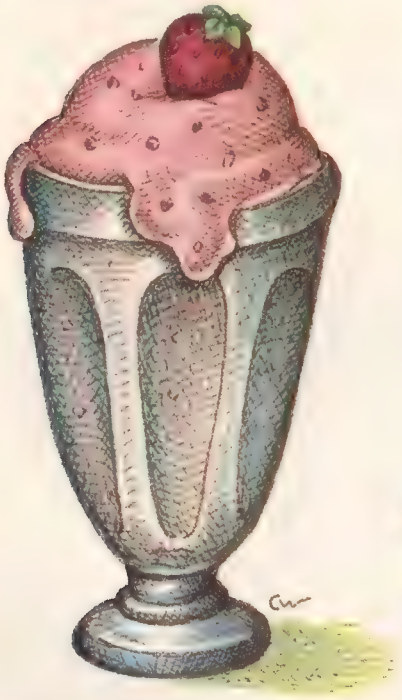


Fro-Yo Shake

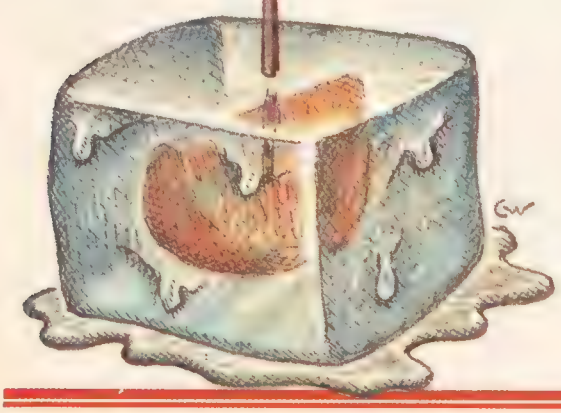
Into a blender, add a container of any flavor yogurt, some crushed-up ice, and fresh fruit. Whip together until frothy and smooth. Some suggestions: blueberry yogurt with bananas, vanilla yogurt with peaches, chocolate yogurt with strawberries.

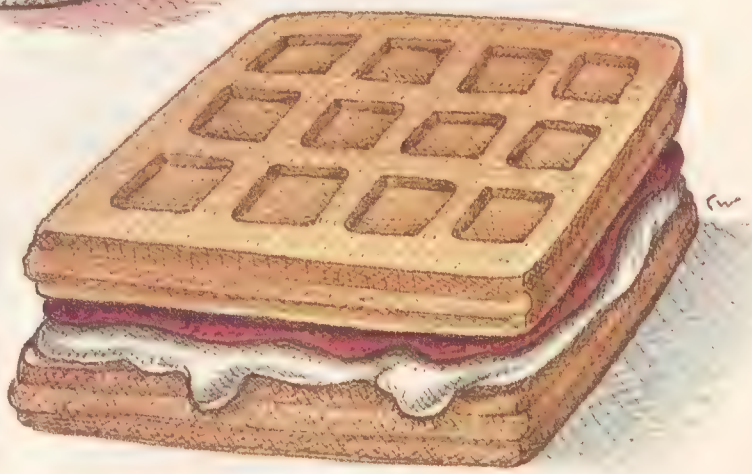
Apple Gr-unch

Plop some applesauce in a bowl and make a little well in the middle. Put a scoop of vanilla ice cream in the well. Sprinkle granola, nuts, and cinnamon on top and serve.

Frozen Fruit Cocktail

Drop a few chunks of fruit (either fresh or canned fruit cocktail) into an empty ice cube tray. Then fill the tray with ginger ale or fruit juice. Freeze for about an hour. Then stick toothpicks into each cube. Put back in the freezer until com pletely frozen. So icy, so healthy, so. . . cubic!





Waffle-Wiches

Defrost toaster waffles, but don't toast 'em. Spread each waffle with jelly, peanut or apple butter, or mushed up bananas. Put a scoop of ice cream in the middle and make a sandwich. Mmm. Waffle-icious!

KIN IN COLOR

Here's Gordon's family—Mom, Dad, Curtis and Augie. Get out your crayons, and liven up this family portrait.

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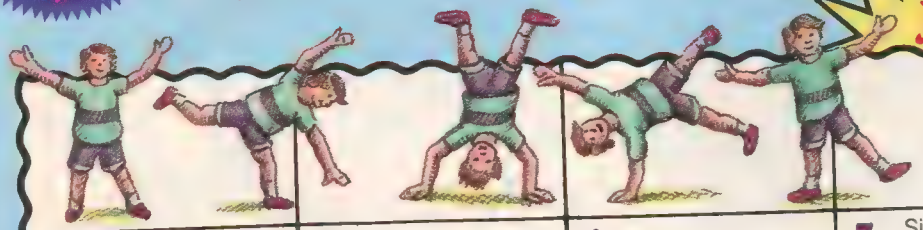
HELP ME, RHONDA!

Gordon wants to take Rhonda to a summer concert in the park. The problem is, he can't find anything in his disgracefully messy room. Somewhere among the dirty laundry and moldy sandwiches, all of these things are hidden : two tickets, one comb, a pair of binoculars, a shirt, a pair of socks, a hat, a wallet, a pair of sunglasses, a blanket, and a thermos. Help Gordon find all ten before Rhonda gives up and goes home.

VACATION STATION

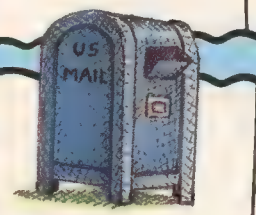
Something to do every day of your summer holiday.

JUNE



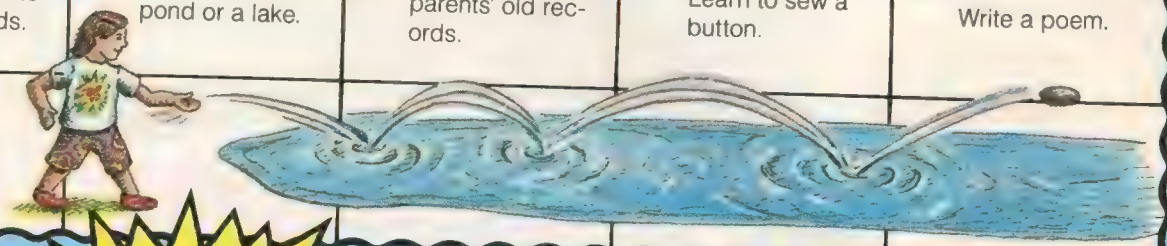
				1 Turn as many cartwheels as your age.	2 Tie a piece of string around your wrist and don't take it off until school starts.	3 Make a self-portrait out of pieces of fruit. Then eat it.
4 Clean your closet. Give the clothes you don't want to the homeless.	5 Get your friends together and wash the car. Then wash your friends.	6 Go to the zoo.	7 Sit on the corner and count the number of people who go by wearing sunglasses.	8 Start a neighborhood newspaper.	9 Learn all the verses of "The Star Spangled Banner" and sing them to your pet.	10 Count the stars.
11 Build a clubhouse.	12 Send messages using letters you cut out of magazines and newspapers.	13 Write a story about winter to cool off.	14 Play air tennis. You don't need any equipment.	15 Tie-dye your old T-shirts.	16 Perform the "Melmatinee" on page 21.	17 Plant some beans in a sunny window or in your backyard. Then stand back!
18 Have a watermelon seed-spitting contest.	19 Drink a glass of lemonade without adding any sugar.	20 Climb a tree.	21 Make sun tea from the recipe on page 8.	22 Trade shirts with your best friend.	23 Learn to play the harmonica.	24 Go on a hike.
25 Hunt for little fish in a creek.	26 Draw your own comic on the sidewalk with colored chalk.	27 Cut a T-shirt into a muscle shirt, then flex.	28 Write a letter to your favorite baseball player.	29 Sleep in the backyard.	30 Learn to use a boomerang.	

JULY



						1 Identify as many birds as you can.
2 Sell lemonade on the corner.	3 Write letters to *all* of your friends.	4 Make a cat's-eye out of popsicle sticks and yarn.	5 Play a game of capture the flag.	6 Organize your own Summer Olympics. Give out medals.	7 See who can build the tallest card house.	8 Teach yourself how to juggle.
9 Offer to walk the *neighbor's dog.*	10 Draw a picture of your friend and *have your friend* draw a picture of	11 Figure out different ways to tie	12 Pretend you're at summer camp	13 Go on a cookout	14 Go bowling	15 Teach your pet to

9 Offer to walk the neighbor's dog.	10 Draw a picture of your friend and have your friend draw a picture of you.	11 Figure out different ways to tie your shoelaces.	12 Pretend you're at summer camp.	13 Go on a cookout with your family.	14 Go bowling.	15 Teach your pet to do tricks.
16 Spin around and around until you're dizzy. Lie down and watch the clouds.	17 Squish your toes in a mud puddle.	18 Start a diary.	19 Draw mustaches and googly eyes on pictures of people in the newspaper.	20 Paint an old white T-shirt.	21 Wet an old shower curtain with a hose. Slide on it with your friends.	22 Make the ice cream fondue on page 12.
23 Have an underwater handstand contest at the pool.	24 Walk around the neighborhood as if you were balancing on a tightrope.	25 Have a seance and levitate one of your friends.	26 Skip stones at a pond or a lake.	27 Listen to your parents' old records.	28 Learn to sew a button.	29 Write a poem.
30 Make a treasure hunt with your friends.	31 Start a collection of things no one else collects.					



AUGUST

1 Practice frisbee throws.	2 Get up and watch the sun rise.	3 Catch a lightning bug and let it go.	4 Put two ice cubes side by side and bet on which will win the "melt-off"!	5 Read one book from cover to cover.	6 Eat breakfast outside.
7 Wear a baseball cap all day.	8 Make your bed the minute you get up.	9 Try to walk in swim fins.	10 Put pink zinc oxide on your nose.	11 Skip everywhere you go.	12 Give your friends awards you make up.
13 Carry a toothbrush everywhere you go.	14 Draw a picture of what you think you'll look like when you're 21.	15 Go to a movie.	16 Learn some new yo-yo tricks.	17 Think about school for exactly one minute.	18 Change your socks after lunch.
19 Do 20 pushups.	20 Don't watch any TV the whole day.	21 Buy an ice cream from the ice cream truck.	22 Make breakfast for your family.	23 Make the sounds of all the animals you can think of.	24 Carry an umbrella all day.
25 Have a rock concert in your backyard.	26 Put a quarter of an orange in your mouth and smile.	27 Have a yard sale and sell some of your old toys and clothes.	28 Learn to snap your fingers with both hands.	29 Build a dam.	30 Act like ALF all day.
31 Go on a picnic.					

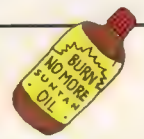


Illustration by Charles Waller

PLAY BOUILLABASEBALL!

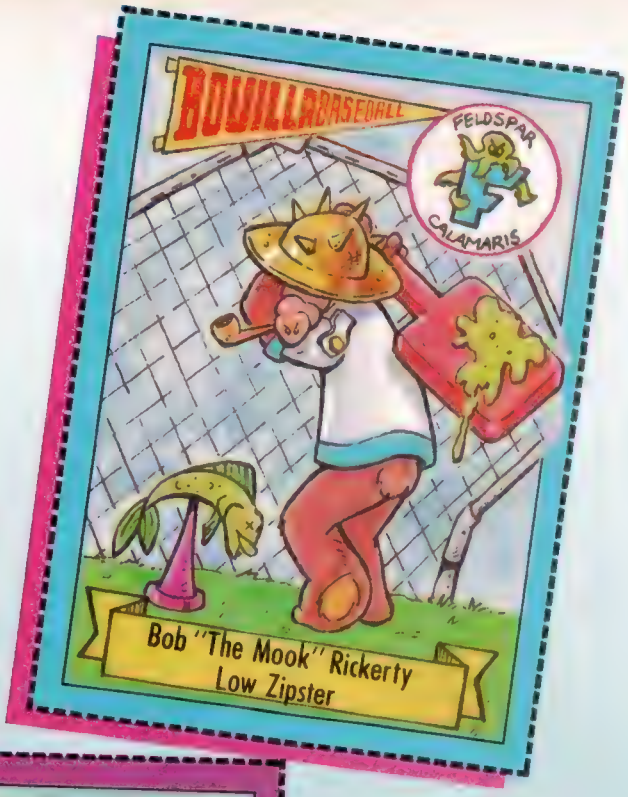
WRITTEN BY RICHARD J SCHELLBACH

If you've noticed a certain excitement in the air, it's probably because Bouillabaseball season opens on Barp 10—that's July 10 to those of you who don't know your Melmacian months yet. Just in case you've missed ALF's explanation of the game, here are the official rules.

Official Bouillabaseball Rules

1. Fish parts are used instead of balls and bats.
2. There are 17 positions and 12 players per team.
3. On very hot days, the mandatory nose plug rule goes into effect.
4. All players must wear helmets—not necessarily on their heads.
5. Every goalie must have an IQ higher than 8—unlike Earth goalies.
6. Base stealing is a felony.
7. No one named Zip can manage a team.
8. Using the word "apoplexy" is forbidden.
9. At the end of each season, the player with the highest batting average gets hit about the neck and shoulders with a piece of matzoh.
10. Each game has three quarters.
11. Each dollar has four quarters.

Other than these few exceptions, Bouillabaseball is played exactly the same way as Earth baseball.So, welcome to the fastest growing sport in the universe. On the next page, you'll find five original Bouillabaseball cards featuring Melmac's leading players.



Illustrations by Larry Elkoff

Name: CANDICE "THE BOOGER" FESHTORT
Team: DAVE'S BROWN SOX
Position: FIN TUCKER
Birthplanet: FAPPI

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	8,904	175	587	.377
Lifetime:	23,846	957	634	.433

Candice is considered one of the few fin tuckers to have learned her position without using a bucket of lard to aid her. Along with her twin sister, Marissa, she skyrocketed to fame as the deadly Feshtort twins.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
Has Jason stolen any bases?

Answer: Yes, and he was arrested twice.

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Name: BOB "THE MOOK" RICKERTY
Team: FELDSPAR CALAMARIES
Position: LOW ZIPSTER
Birthplanet: CHUM

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	682	385	626	.274
Lifetime:	1,526	847	927	.321

Once a famous actor, Bob came into the sport of Bouillabaseball after he won the Icky Award for his performance in the hit movie *I'm Okay, You're Okay, But Your Sheep Just Exploded*. As a player, he's only been penalized once, for winking at a bran muffin.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
Is Bob married?

Answer: His wife thinks so.

ALF MAGAZINE

Name: IKE "HEDGEHEAD" NEELIE
Team: EQUINOX WEENIES
Position: LEFT HOOTER
Birthplanet: LENNY

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	28	653	621	.209
Lifetime:	104	7,815	1,954	.925

When she's not playing Bouillabaseball, Ike and her husband, Spike, spend their time raising money for the People Without Lips Foundation. Her nickname probably has something to do with the fact that her hairstylist used to be a gardener.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
What's Ike's favorite hobby?

Answer: Breaking nails.

ALF MAGAZINE

Name: CHAD "WAX LIPS" MCGERBER
Team: MELMAC ORBITERS
Position: LEFT WHIZZER
Birthplanet: AKST RONIT

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	6,934	724	612	.123
Lifetime:	56,504	854	776	.342

One of the oldest players in Bouillabaseball, Chad got his start at the tender age of 129 when his father taught him to catch a halibut without using his lips. The rest is history.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
How did Chad get his nickname?

Answer: Who cares?

ALF MAGAZINE

Name: JASON "BUBBA" HOWARDWANKLE
Team: ROSENBLOOM PHANTOMS
Position: SHALLOW CARBUNCLE
Birthplanet: THAT ROUND THING

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	37	652	1,126	.400
Lifetime:	105	1660	1,975	.400

Jason started playing Bouillabaseball at the young age of 155, after deciding not to follow in his father's footsteps and become a pop singer. Jason's famous father, Twink, topped the charts in the fifties with hits like, "My Parrot Can't Whistle A Tune" and "Bite The Weasel."

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
Who made the quote, "Never trust a man named Swizzle"?

Answer: Swizzle Johnson

ALF MAGAZINE

Calling all actors! Time to learn your lines for this month's Melmatinee. It stars you and your friends as Gordon and his friends in a hilarious adventure at summer camp.

ACT ONE

Setting: An old Melmacian school bus

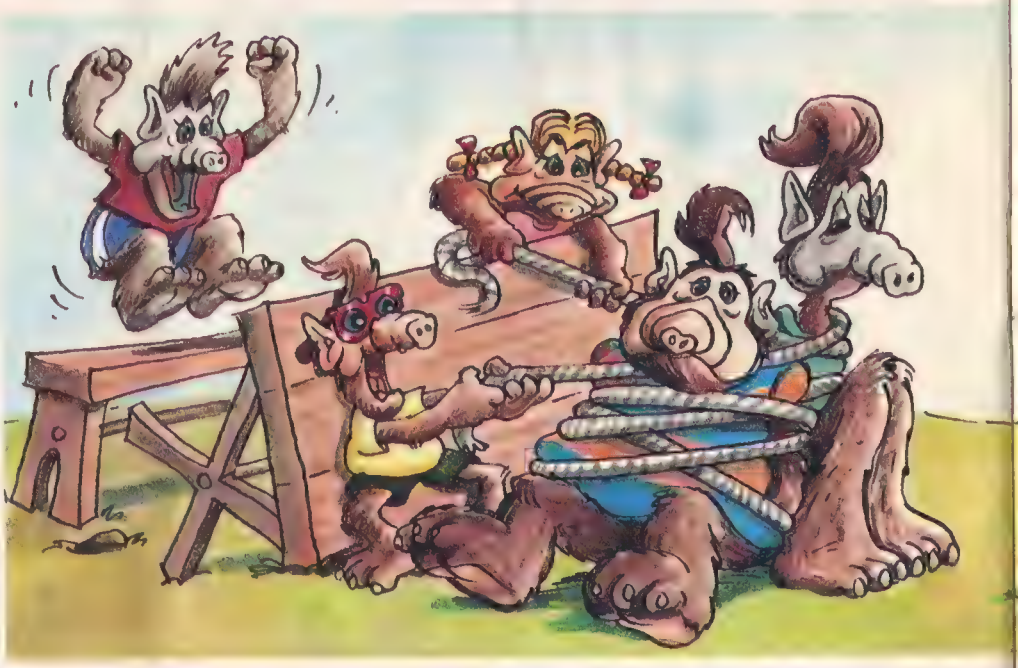
Narrator: Gordon sits with his little brother Curtis on the bus bound for Camp Happy Flern.
Curtis: I have dibs on the top bunk, Gordon.
Gordon: How many times do I have to tell you, Curtis. I'm not rooming with you. You're a camper. I'm a counselor.
Narrator: Rick and Skip, Gordon's two best friends, are sitting right behind them. Rick taps Gordon on the shoulder.
Rick: H-h-hey, Gordon, I'm n-n-n-nervous about being a counselor.
Skip: Rick-o, it's a piece of pudding.
Gordon: We're trained Orbit Guard professionals. We can fight wars and ionize garbage. I think we can teach arts and crafts.
Rick: I h-h-ope so.
Gordon: Trust me. Why do you think I signed us up for this? All we have to do is teach the little darlings how to cut out paper dolls. Then we put them to bed at seven and our nights are our own.
Skip: Whoa, par-r-r-rty!
Gordon: Exactly!
Bus Driver: Next stop, Camp Happy Flern!
Everybody: Yay!!!!!!
Narrator: The bus pulls up to Camp Happy Flern, and the Head Counselor, a gruff old woman, stands by the door, clipboard in hand.
Head Counselor: *(bellowing)* All right, as I call your names, I want you to march off this bus and check in. Ready? Albacore! Aloishus!. . .
Narrator: One by one, the frightened campers leave the bus.
Head Counselor: Fusterman!
Rick: H-h-h-here! B-but I'm a c-c-counselor.

STARRING

Gordon
Rick
Skip
Curtis
Head Counselor
Coach
Campers

by Alicia Schudt-Schechter

Head Counselor: Oh, right. Sorry, sir.
Narrator: Rick's surprised, but happy. Nobody ever called him sir before. The Head Counselor goes down her list and calls Curtis. Curtis gets up. Gordon shakes his hand.
Gordon: This is it, kid. For the next two weeks, I'm no longer your brother. I'm your exalted leader. . .your counselor. You have to do whatever I tell you!
Curtis: Puh-lease.
Narrator: Curtis leaves the bus and the Head Counselor calls Gordon. Gordon laughs.
Gordon: Sorry, wrong Shumway. I'm a counselor.
Head Counselor: No, you're not. Only counselors I have listed are Fusterman, Skip, and me. You're a camper. Now get out here and start camping!
Gordon: There's got to be a mistake. I'm too old to camp. I'm in the Orbit Guard! I won't fit in the bunks!
Head Counselor: My computer never lies. For the next two weeks, Shumway, you're under my command. And I'm going to keep my eye on you. Now get off that bus!
Gordon: *(turning to Rick and Skip)* Help!
Narrator: Rick and Skip try not to laugh as Gordon reluctantly goes to check



in. As he comes off the bus, Curtis smiles up at him.
Curtis: I still have dibs on the top bunk!
Gordon: Oh, shut up.

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ACT TWO

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Setting: The camp "barracks," where Gordon is squeezed into a tiny bunk bed. Curtis is happily lounging on the top bunk.
Curtis: Come on, Gordon, you'll be late for Arts and Crafts.
Gordon: No way. I can't have Rick show me how to make a clay imprint of my paw.
Curtis: You're not being a Happy Flern Camper!
Gordon: I am not a camper! I'm a counselor. And I intend to act like one.
Narrator: Gordon rolls over to take a nap, just as the Head Counselor stomps in and blasts a horn in Gordon's ear.
Head Counselor: Outta that bed, Shumway! There are nature walks to take! Phlegmshoes to toss! Games to play. You're going to have fun! fun! fun! if it kills you!
Narrator: With one swoop, she pulls him out of the bunk and he crashes onto the floor.
Head Counselor: Now drop and give me 20 pushups!
Narrator: Gordon looks miserable as he struggles with one pushup.
Gordon: (*gasping*) When all this is straightened out, boy, are you going to be embarrassed.
Head Counselor: I'm scared. Nineteen more. Then you and the other little monsters are going on a 12-mile nature hike to look for petrified cat head

bookends!
Campers: Yay!!!!!!!
Gordon: Don't get too excited, kids. Rick and Skip will find the paperwork that'll get me out of here and into the adult wing where I belong.
Narrator: But Rick and Skip have their own problems. Counseling isn't the fun Gordon led them to believe. They have reports to fill out, rowdy kids to keep out of trouble, and plenty of responsibility.
Skip: Man, I hate responsibility.
Rick: Yeah. I thought we were going to have fun. Hey, look over there! Gordon's having fun, hiking with those kids.
Skip: I bet he planned it this way.
Narrator: Gordon, leading the nature hike, spots Rick and Skip watching over a weaving class and runs over to them.
Gordon: Guys, did you get my paperwork straightened out?
Rick: W-w-who has time? W-w-we have weaving to teach.
Skip: Yeah. And first we have to learn it ourselves.
Gordon: Come on, guys! I can't be a camper for two whole weeks!
Rick: You're having more fun than we are.
Gordon: Fun? I almost squished a kid doing jumping jacks!
Skip: Sounds like fun to me.
Narrator: Just then, some of the rowdy campers shoot rubber plungers at Rick and Skip. They duck just in time.
Rick: You got the better end of the deal, Gordon. Nobody's trying to kill you with p-p-plungers!
Gordon: I don't care. I'm an adult and I want to be treated like one!
Narrator: Just then, the Head Counselor runs over, grabs Gordon by the ears and drags him off.
Head Counselor: Shumway! Leave the grown-ups alone. Time for Bouillabaseball practice!
Gordon: (*excited*) Hey! I *like* Bouillabaseball!
Narrator: As Gordon is dragged off to practice, Rick and Skip are tied up by the rowdy kids.

* * *

Setting: The Camp Happy Flern Bouillabaseball field
Head Counselor: (*bellowing*) Splatter up!
Narrator: As practice begins, kids from both sides start fighting over who gets Gordon.
Camper #1: We want the big kid!
Curtis: The big kid's on our team, and that's final!
Gordon: Why, Curtis, I didn't know you cared.
Curtis: Don't let it go to your head. But we need you for the big game next week against Camp Stupid Vespa. Every year they kill us.
Gordon: How come?
Curtis: We stink. But with a semiprofessional Bouillabaseball player like you, we'll win for the first time in 125 years!
Gordon: But I won't be a camper by then.
Curtis: (*throwing himself at Gordon's feet*) Oh, pleeeeeze?

Illustration by Dick Codor

Narrator: The rest of the campers follow Curtis's lead and throw themselves at Gordon's feet. Suddenly, Gordon's important. He's a celebrity.
Gordon: Hey, maybe being a camper isn't so bad after all!

ACT THREE

Setting: The Bouillabaseball field, a week later
Narrator: It's the day of the big game. The Stupid Vespa team looks big and mean, and the Flerns

wouldn't stand a chance without Gordon. Gordon's in the dugout warming up when Rick and Skip rush over to him.
Rick: G-g-gordon! We found your counselor's application!
Gordon: Burn it!
Skip: What are you talking about?
Gordon: The team's depending on me. I'm their star. Counselors can't play.
Rick: B-b-but you hate being a camper!
Gordon: That was last week. And what took you guys so long to find my application anyway?
Skip: The kids tied us up and locked us in the cabin. We just got out a half hour ago when the maid came in to change the sheets.
Gordon: Do me a favor and lose that paper until after the game.
Narrator: Unfortunately, the coach for the other team overhears this and grabs the papers out of Rick's hand.
Rick: H-h-hey!
COACH: What's this? The right carp forker is a ringer?
Gordon: No, no, you're wrong. I'm a kid. I'm just big-boned. Right, guys?
Campers: Yeah!!!
COACH: Says here you're a counselor. This game is fixed! We win by default!
Campers: No!!
Narrator: The Head Counselor storms over and belts the Coach in the snout.
Head Counselor: Take that! You fix these games *every* year.
Campers: Yay!!!!!
COACH: OK, OK, the big kid can play, but only if I can play on my team.
Campers: Boooo!!!
Gordon: No, that's not fair. This is the kid's game. Both of us grown-ups will sit it out.
Narrator: The kids of Camp Happy Flern are upset and try to talk Gordon into playing.
Curtis: We'll lose the game for sure now.
Gordon: Not if you believe you can win. Just remember all I told you guys. Go out there and win one for the Gordo!
Curtis: Oh, please.
Narrator: The rest is history. The Flern team, under the guidance of Gordon Shumway, won against the Stupid Vespas by a score of 378 to 12. The triumphant Flerns tried to carry Gordon off the field, but couldn't lift him. So the Head Counselor dragged him by the ears instead. Rick and Skip followed after.
Rick: Since you're a counselor now, G-g-gordon, we decided to let you take over our weaving c-c-class.
Gordon: Great. And what are you guys going to do?
Skip: We're leaving with the kids and we're going to the beach!
Narrator: Gordon tries chasing after his friends, but the Head Counselor has too tight a hold on his ear.
Gordon: Y-i-i-i-i-ikes!

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DIVE BUMMER

Illustration by Dick Codor

Curtis is learning how to dive. Someday he hopes to compete in the All-Melmac Games. But this dive is a mess. The pictures are out of sequence. Can you put them in the right order? Write the correct numbers in the blank boxes.

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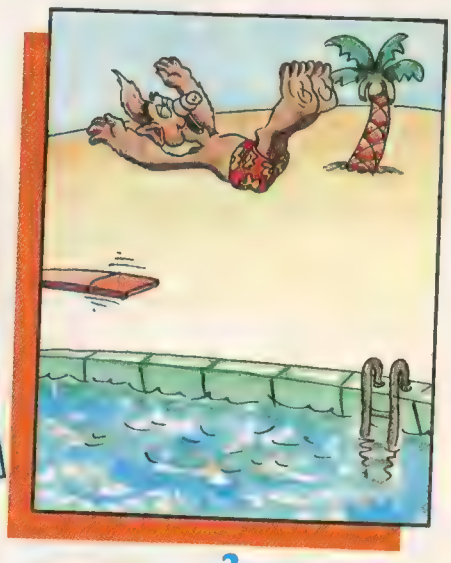

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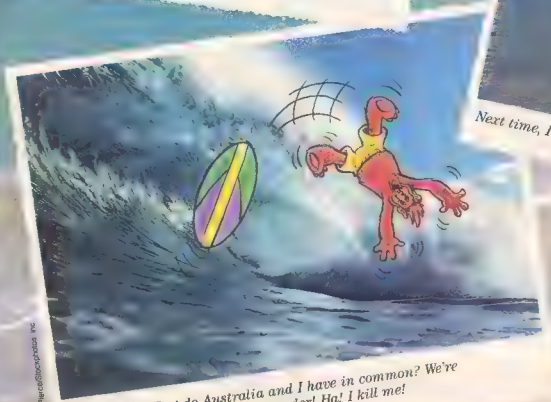
Answer: 5, 3, 2, 4, 6, 1

BEACHMANIA!

Kowabunga! It's summer and ALF is ready to catch some waves and some rays. Let's join him.

Either I need longer string or shorter trees!

Next time, I spend the extra $1.25 and rent a boat.



What do Australia and I have in common? We're both down under! Ha! I kill me!

Now, I know why they call it a sandwich. I should have ordered the catfish.

Now to go home and deal with the nightmare of fur caked with dried sun block. See you next summer

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Now, I know why they call it a sandwich. I should have ordered the catfish.

and rent a boat.

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Now to go home and deal with the nightmare of fur caked with dried sun block. See you next summer.

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SURVEY CITY!

ALF Magazine wants to know what *you* think about life on Earth! That's why we're asking you to answer all the questions below. "But I don't want to answer all those questions!" you might say. Well then, think about this: 25 lucky readers will each win a great prize for filling out this survey and sending it to us. Sound a little better? So what are you waiting for? Start reading and start writing. Then snip this page and sent it to us at: ALF Magazine,Welsh Publishing Group, P.O.Box 4472 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Please send your survey in by August 15. We'll print the results in the Winter 1990 issue. Thanks, friends.

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1. Who is your favorite:

TV Star Male _____ Female _____

Movie Star Male _____ Female _____

Cartoon Character Male _____ Female _____

2. What is your favorite:

TV Show _____ Book _____

Movie _____ Home Video _____

Toy _____ Song _____

3. Who are your three favorite singers/musical groups?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. What is your favorite sport to play? _____

5. What is your favorite meal? _____

6. At your age, do you think it's important to think about the food you eat? _____

_____ No, I eat whatever I want. _____ Sometimes

_____ Yes, I know what I eat now is important for my health as I get older.

7. What was the best vacation you ever took? _____

8. Where would you go if you could go anywhere in the world? _____

9. What do you want to be when you grow up? _____

10. If you could make the world a better place, what would you do? _____

11. What famous person living today would you like to meet? _____

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13. What makes you happy? _____

angry? _____ scared? _____

14. List your three favorite things to do:

1. _____ 2. _____

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15. Who is the most important person in your life? _____

16. What is the best thing about school? _____ The worst? _____

17. Do you get an allowance? _____

18. What would you ask President Bush if you could talk with him? _____

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19. Do you think it's more fun to be a boy or a girl? _____ Why? _____

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Why does it get hot after a baseball game?

Because all the fans leave!

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Sherwood.
Sherwood who?
Sherwood like to come in.

What kind of dances do eye doctors go to?

Eye balls.

Where did the king keep his armies?

Up his sleevies!

Big Yuks Spotlight

What do you call a cat who drinks lemonade?

A sourpuss!

Thanks to Jane Harrison of North Platte, Nebraska for her joke.

What animal never plays fair?

The cheetah.

What can you never have for breakfast?

Lunch and dinner.

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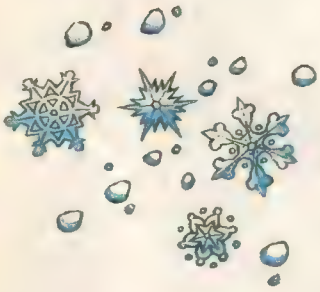
Can you solve this rebus? Here's how to do it. Add and subtract the letters and pictures to make a sentence. The sentence you end up with will be something ALF has been known to say—though not often!



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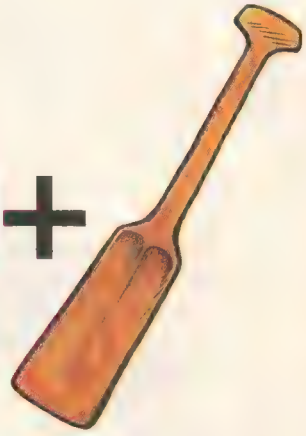

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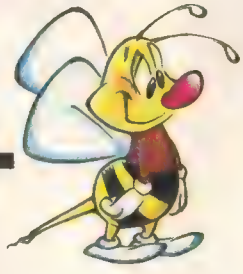

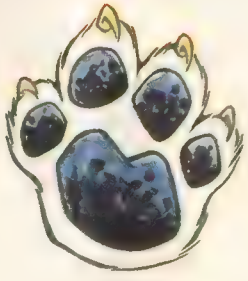

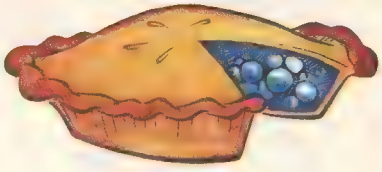

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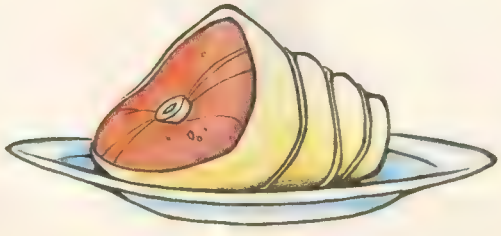

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Answer: No more tabby paw pie for me!

ASK ALF

Q: I get dressed up a lot and most of my clothes are made of wool. I can't wear wool because it makes me itch. How do you wear wool without itching?

Jack Omer
Cincinnati, OH

A: I have three suggestions for you: 1) Make sure you wear an undershirt to cut down on the itching. 2) Tell your family about the problem and ask them not to buy any more wool clothing for you. 3) Just be thankful that you're not a sheep!

Q: You always dress right for the times. Could you give me some tips?

Becki Daniels
Loyoll, KY

A: Of course I dress right for the times. That's because I'm a hip, mod, rad, hot, groovy, now, fab, in, gnarly, rockin' type of guy! The best tip I can give you is, be true to yourself. If what you wear makes you feel like a hip, mod, rad, hot, groovy, now, fab, in, gnarly, rockin' type of gal, then by all means wear it.

Q: My next door neighbor's cat loves going on to my porch and making a mess. Could you come over and be our official Catbuster?

Alexandra Peach
Ferndale, MI

A: It's a tempting offer, but the Tanners sort of need me to stay where I am so I can keep their lives from getting too boring. Besides, I haven't eaten a single cat since I've been on Earth . . . They've all been married!

Q: There's this girl in my school who's always making fun of people and hurting their feelings. I hate when she does it! What should I do to stop her? What would you do, ALF?

Katie Speaker
Olympia Fields, IL

A: Well, Katie-meister, everyone who feels the same way as you do should tell her what they feel. Maybe if she knows that other kids don't like what she's doing, she'll stop. If that doesn't work, stop hanging around with her. I think she'll learn her lesson when she finds that she doesn't have any friends left. Just don't make fun of her. That would be as cruel as what she does.

Q: What time do you get up in the morning in order to brush out all your hair neatly so you don't look like a mess? I also want to know this: If I were a Melmacian, how old would I be when I got married and how many children would I have?

Gina Loto
Carver, MA

A: I wake up three hours before school every morning and use a comb the size of a Buick. Melmacians marry as young as 129 years old. Melmacian couples usually have three children: one of each.

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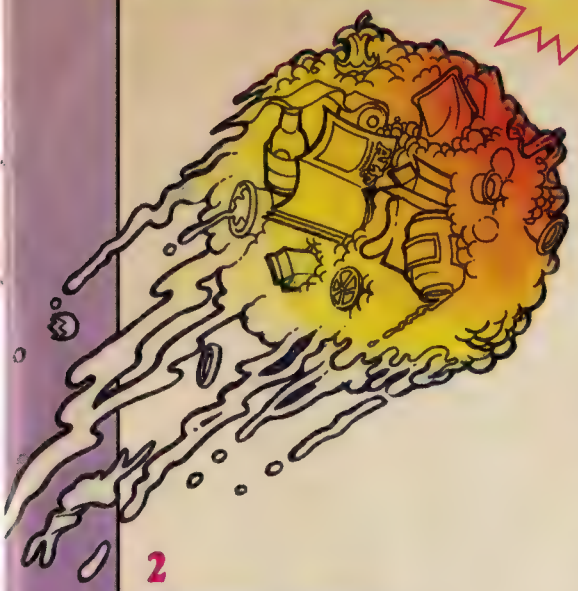

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Cover photograph by Michael Leshnov.

GIMME FOUR!

Yo, fans. Welcome to the Fall issue of *ALF Magazine.* On Earth, we welcome in fall by raking leaves, going back to school, and dressing up for Halloween. Melmacians, on the other hand, spend most of fall ("Lenny" on Melmac) preparing for one special holiday at the end of the season. That holiday is Spanky's Day. This holiday honors Spanky MacHacker who, on FanFan 19, 1783, was thrown out of the Orbit Guard for naming plywood without a license.

As everyone knows, another word for fall is autumn. And you "autumn" get a real kick out of this issue. We call it our Look Inside issue because it's got a *look inside* the personal lives of everybody's favorite neighbors, the Ochmoneks, a *look inside* Gordon's school notebook, and a *look inside* a Melmacian classroom on the first day of school. So, *look inside* and see what you think!

OOPS!

And now fans, for the part of this job I hate the most—admitting that I'm not perfect! Quite a few of you eagle-eyed scouts spotted two bone-head mel-mistakes in our summer issue. I admit that I made them, and there's no excuse I can possibly make. . .except that the neighbor's cat kept spitting fur balls at me, and the sun shining off Mr. Ochmonek's head got in my eyes, and besides, it was all Wille's fault! Anyway, I'm sorry, and it will never happen again. Honest. Here are the mistakes:

First, in the ALF Sweepstakes, I challenged you to find five bottles of "Burn No More" suntan oil in the issue. But, as you found out, I ran out of suntan oil! (Boy, is *my* face red!) There were only four bottles!

To make up for the mistake, this issue we'll have mucho winners. Find five footballs in this issue. Write their page numbers in the blanks below, and send the coupon in to us. As usual, we'll throw all of your letters into a bowl of toenail clippings. But this time we'll pick *15* winners. (Wow!) Send your entry to us at:

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Our other mistake was on the Bouillabaseball cards in the summer issue: the backs didn't always match the fronts. (My face is *peeling*!) We reprinted them correctly on pages 29 and 30 in this issue.

Now start reading! And have a hoot and a half. (That makes it six hoots and counting!)

ALFectionately,
The Editor

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Dear ALF,
I wish you could be my neighbor so I could see you every day!

Chris Fry
Fontana, CA

Dear ALF,
I like you a lot. I watch your show every Monday and on Saturday mornings, too. You never get mad. That's what I like about you. Sometimes I get mad. You help me a lot on getting mad.

Tia Elder
Gastonia, NC

Adam Leveque
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Cammy and Derek Contizano
Frankenmuth, MI

Yo, ALF-meister!
You are the Number One alien lifeform. I watch the *ALF* show, *ALF* cartoon, and *ALFtales*. I like the way you comb your hair and the way you laugh. You are out of this world!

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THE SPOOKIEST CITIES IN THE USA

Some towns and cities sound as if they're always ready for Halloween. Do you live near any of them?

1. Dooms, Virginia **2.** Belfry, Montana

3. Slaughter, Louisiana

4. Bad Axe, Michigan

5. Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee

6. Cut and Shoot, Texas **7.** Death Valley, California

8. Pumpkin Center, California

9. Badlands, South Dakota

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Wheelersburg, Ohio

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Benjamin Buckley
Slidell, Louisana

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St. Augustine, Florida

Velma Calif
Stuart, Nebraska

Kyle Clayton
Chandler, Arizona

Amanda Netyel
Whitefish, Montana

Melissa Bailey
Victoria, Mississippi

Brad Belloni
Eureka, California

Katie Bryan
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

Steven Morrison
East Liverpool, Ohio

Kristine Sidle
Douglas, Georgia

You, too, can be a big winner! Turn to page 3 for details.

OR BE SQUARE

THREE EASY COSTUMES, THE MELMACIAN WAY

1. Put a small woodland creature in the pocket of your shorts. Wear a red hat that's shaped like a shrub. Tell everyone you're impersonating your Uncle Sven.

2. Tape three pieces of yarn on each ear. Put a small clam under your left arm and a garden tool under your right arm. Glue wax lips to your favorite shirt. Go as your neighbor's lawn furniture.

3. Tie a piece of rope to your left index finger. Loudly sing the words to "I Only Have Eyes for You" while skipping around in a circle. Tell your friends you're a forklift named Bucky.

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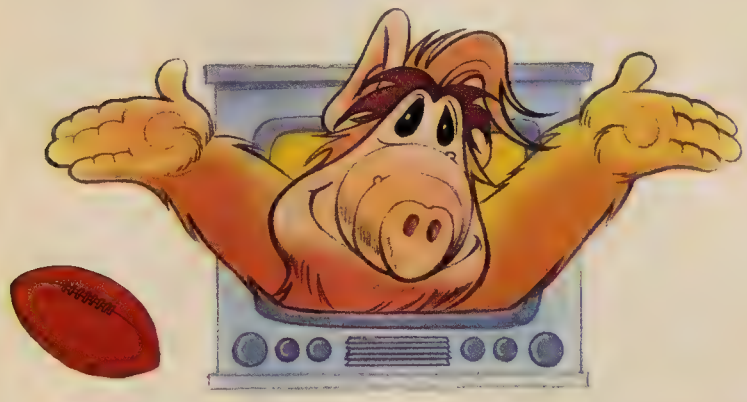

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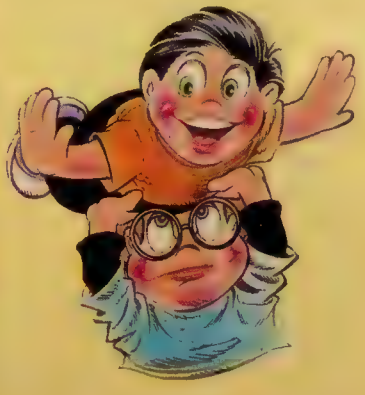

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Dress Like a Bran Muffin Day—Nathinganger 29

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Halloween—October 31

Sing With a Clam Day—FanFan 4

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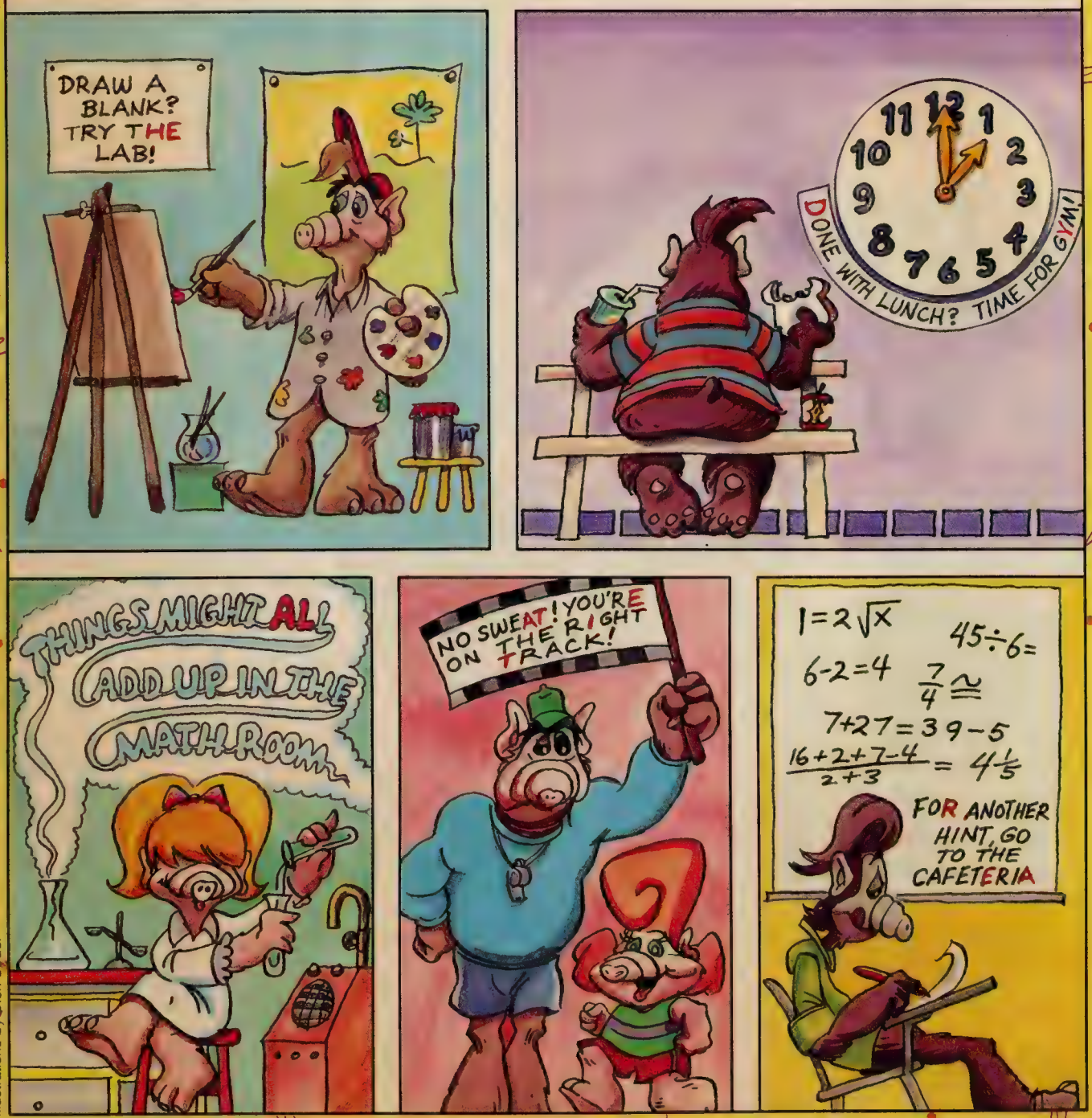

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Icy Fingers

This "handy" ice cube will send a chill down your spine! What you need to do:

Fill a rubber surgical glove with water and fasten the open end with a rubber band. You can buy rubber surgical gloves at a drugstore.

Put the whole thing in the freezer overnight.

Run the frozen hand under warm water for a minute.

Slip the icy hand out of the glove.

Drop it in your punch.

Pumpkin Pie Smiley Face

Bake this jack-o-lantern for your friends to eat.

Chill a 9-inch pastry shell in the refrigerator. Ask a grown-up to preheat the oven to 450 degrees.

In one bowl, blend:

¾ cup of sugar
½ teaspoon of salt
2 to 3 teaspoons of pumpkin pie spice

In another bowl, beat 3 eggs and add 2 cups of pumpkin pie filling.

Add the first mixture to the second mixture and stir. Then gradually add 2 cups of milk.

Pour everything into the pie shell.

Use raisins to make eyes, a nose and a smiling mouth.

Bake for 10 minutes at 450 degrees. Then turn the oven down to 350 degrees and bake for another 40 minutes.

Spooks on a Stick

What you need:

a grown-up to help you
1 lb of white chocolate
a box of raisins
a cookie sheet
waxed paper
a double boiler
a pot holder
a wooden spoon
six wooden chopsticks

First, line the cookie sheet with waxed paper. Then fill the bottom of the double boiler ½ full of water. Ask your grown-up to put it on the stove and bring it to a boil.

Now, break up the white chocolate into small pieces. Put them in the top part of the double boiler. Put the top of the double boiler into the bottom. When the chocolate begins to melt, turn the heat to low and stir it.

Keep on stirring until the chocolate is half melted. Then take the top part of the double boiler out of the bottom part and put it on a heat-proof surface. Keep on stirring!

Spread a spoonful of chocolate on the cookie sheet. Make it about ¼ inch thick and shape it like a ghost. Put a chopstick in the bottom for a handle. Cover the top part with chocolate. Use raisins for eyes.

Let the ghosts cool for 30 minutes, then serve them.

Illustrations by Steve Smallwood

The World According To Gordo

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COOL
I HATE
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GORDON SHUMWAY IS FAMOUS ROMAN U.S.

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IT WAS ANNOUCED THAT VE'N ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD ON TABLE 32, 1115. TWO CANDIDATES WERE CHOSEN TO RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY:

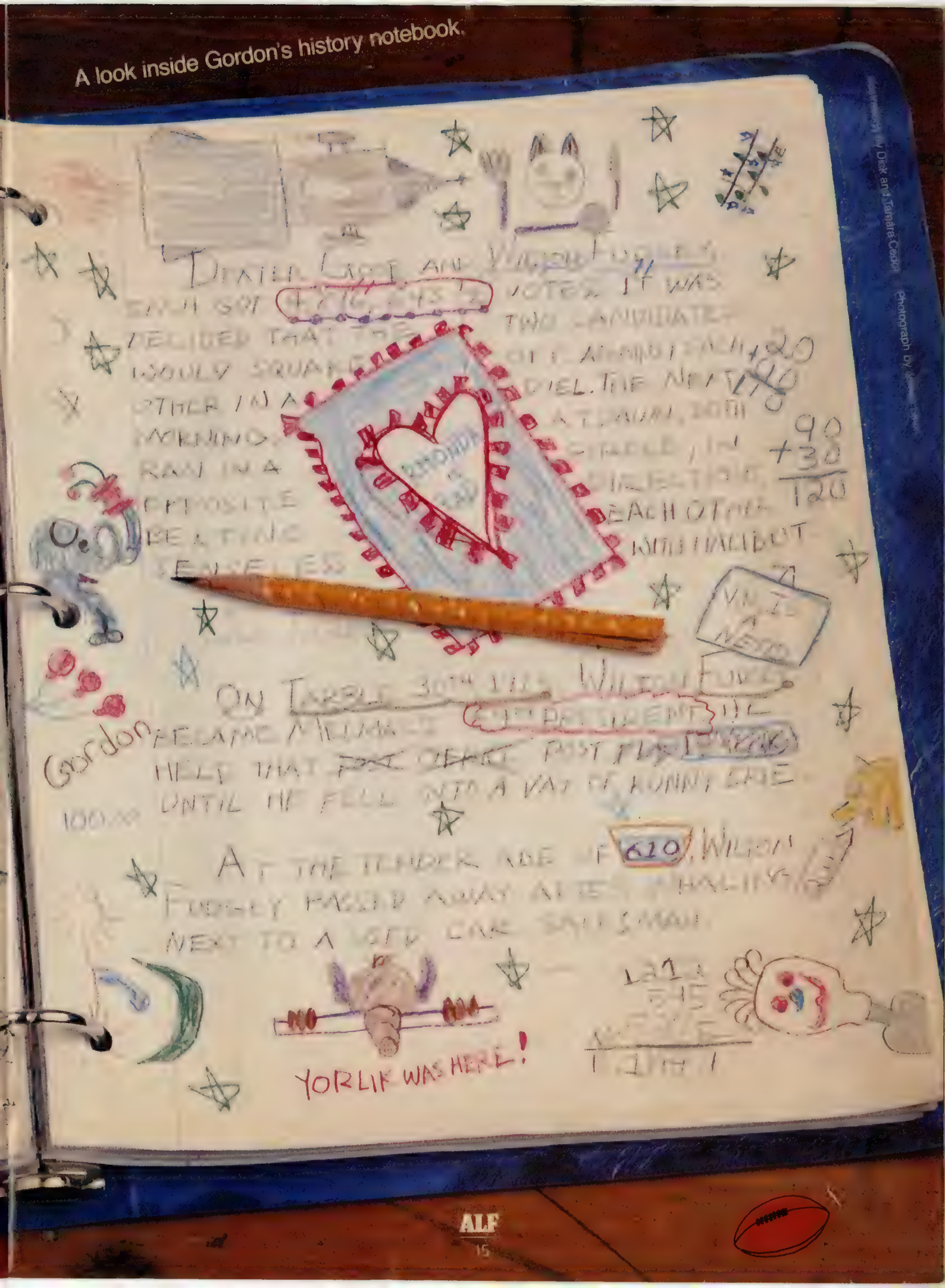
1. WILTON FUDGE
2. DEXTER GOOBS

MR. GOOBS HAD ONCE BEEN ARRESTED FOR IMPERSONATING TINFOIL IN FRONT OF A WOMAN NAMED TAN.

TWENTY-FOUR DAYS LATER, DEXTER GOOBS SLAPPED WILTON FUDGEY WITH AN INJUNCTION.

THREE DAYS LATER, WILTON FUDGEY SLAPPED DEXTER GOOBS WITH A SACK OF LARD.

A look inside Gordon's history notebook.



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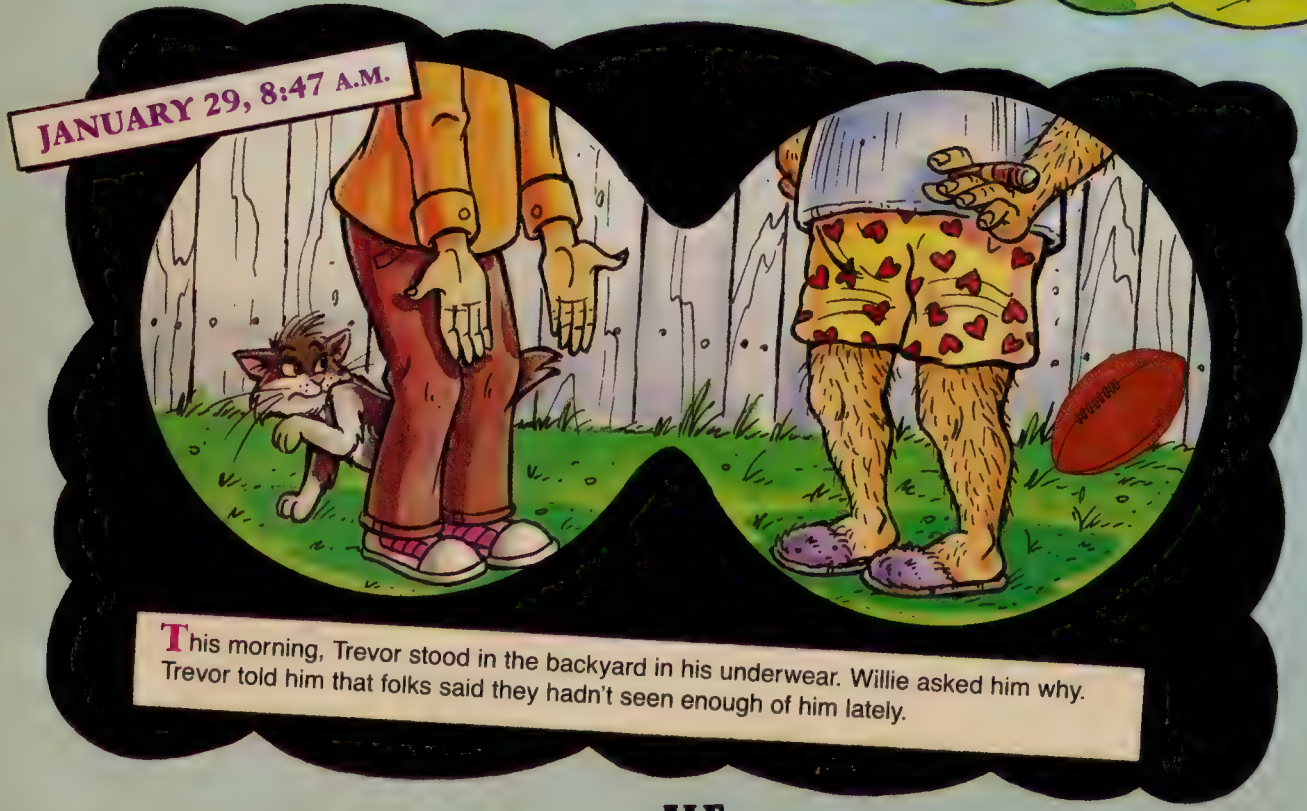
INSIDE THE

So you think you've got weird neighbors! As you know, it's sort of a hobby of mine to keep tabs on my neighbors, the Ochmoneks. Here are a few excerpts from my notes. Sure, I might do some strange stuff from time to time, but I'm from another planet. What's their excuse?

Today, Trevor and Raquel had one of their many barbecues. Nothing much happened during their spaghetti dinner until Trevor stood up and belched. Three sparrows passed out.



This morning, Trevor stood in the backyard in his underwear. Willie asked him why. Trevor told him that folks said they hadn't seen enough of him lately.

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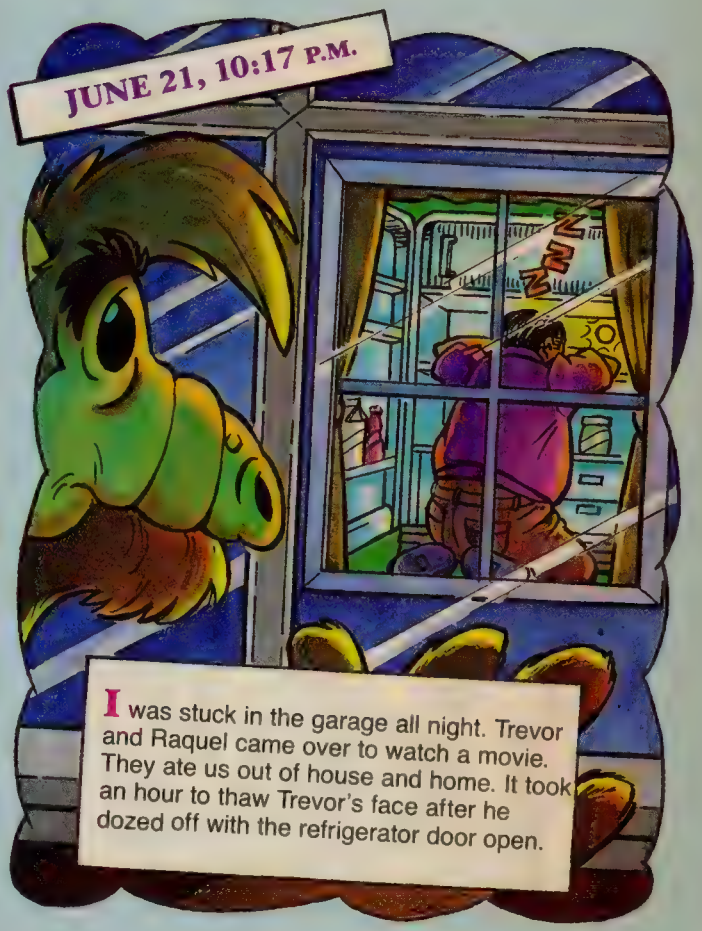

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THE GALACTIC GARBAGE GAME
Sgt. Staff hears that you stopped at Eddie's. Go back one space.
IONIZE!!!
Lose your Sky Chart.
Lose a turn.
IONIZE!!!
Help a lost tourist find a Motel 6.
Take an extra turn.
IONIZE!!!
Hitch a ride on a comet.
Move ahead to the next IONIZE!!! space.
IONIZE!!!
Run out of gas.
Go back to Filling Station.
IONIZE!!!
Stop at Eddie's for lunch.
Lose your turn.
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IONIZE!!!
Yikes!!! There's a giant ball of galactic garbage headed toward Melmac's main gyroscope! If it hits, Melmac will spin off orbit and careen into outer space! It's up to you to ionize the garbage and save Melmac from a fate worse than kissing a gopher on the lips! Follow the directions and play this board game with your friends. Good luck, and may the force be with you!
Illustration by Steve Smallwood

DIRECTIONS
1. Cut out the whole column below. Paste it to a piece of cardboard. Then cut out the playing pieces, Ionization Particles, and the two sides of the Skolnik, the official coin of Melmac and roughly equivalent to an Earth penny.
2. Tape one piece of the Skolnik to each side of an Earth penny.
3. Choose your playing piece.
4. Take turns flipping the Skolnik to see how many spaces you move. Heads equal one space, tails equals two spaces.
5. Follow the directions on the spaces. Every time you land on a space that says "Ionize!" place one of your Ionization Particles on the big ball of garbage.
6. To win, you must place all of your Ionization Particles on the ball of garbage *and* be the first to reach the Gyroscope.
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GYROSCOPE AND ROBOT
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HEADQUARTERS
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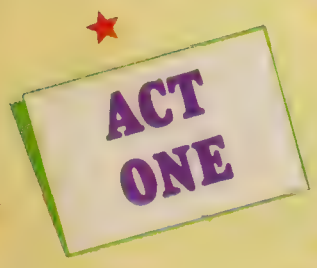
Melmatinee

EVERYBODY'S ALL-MELMACIAN

STARRING

Gordon Skip Rick Rhonda Coach Flern Narrator

Note: The closest they come to football on Melmac is a game called skleenball. The game is played by two teams and the goal is to throw a can of anchovies into the opposing team's laundry basket. Players use a special paddle that looks like a dustpan.



Setting: Gordon's room

Narrator: Gordon is packing his suitcase. His friends Rick, Skip, and Rhonda watch.
Rhonda: Hurry up, Homecoming will be over by the time we get there!
Gordon: Relax, Rhonda! The festivities can't start without me, "the Brown Snout!" Ah, those were the days. I could do no wrong in this uniform.
Narrator: Gordon holds up his tattered skleenball shirt for all to see. Unfortunately, they can also smell it!
Skip *(holding his snout):* You could have washed it once in the last 146 years, Gordo!
Gordon: Don't be ridiculous. It smells of victory. Did I ever tell you about the last game of the season when I scored that skleen against Goomer U?
Skip, Rick, and Rhonda *(bored and together):* . . . in the final seconds of the game, Goomer U tosses the anchovy into our court. Gordon Shumway, the Brown Snout, scoops it up and zings that fish into Goomer's laundry basket. It's a grand slam skleen!
Gordon: I guess I mentioned it before.
Rick: O-o-only about a zillion times.
Skip: But Gordo, that's not what happened. Don't you remember? You tossed the anchovy into the wrong basket and Coach Flern called a foul. We lost the championship!
Gordon *(huffy):* Well, whatever happened, the ol' Brown Snout will regain his former glory at the Homecoming Skleenball Rematch.
Rhonda: You better be careful, Gordon. You're not as young as you used to be.
Gordon: Don't worry about me. I've been pumping ions to be in tiptop shape for this game. How about you guys? Ready for the game?
Skip: I never played. Don't you remember? I was the one in the ugly jacket doing play-by-play from the stands.
Rick *(sighs):* I wanted to play, but Coach Flern always made me be Water

Mammal instead.
Gordon: And you did a wonderful job, Rick! Come on, guys, my public awaits the return of the glorious Brown Snout! Let's go!
Narrator: Gordon struggles with his suitcase and heads out the door. Rhonda, Rick, and Skip shake their heads as they follow him out.

ACT TWO

Setting: Gordon, Rick, and Skip's old dormitory room at Melmac U.
Gordon: Ah, my old stomping grounds! It's great to be back!
Narrator: Gordon immediately opens his suitcase and pulls out his old skleenball uniform. Rick and Skip hold their snouts.
Gordon: Cut it out, guys. One day soon this jersey will be in the Skleenball Hall of Fame.
Skip: Until then, could you at least open the window?
Narrator: Gordon waves them off and pulls the shirt over his head. As he squeezes into the shirt, a loud RIP is heard. Gordon's jersey has ripped in half.
Gordon: Oh, no!! I can't win the Rematch without my lucky uniform!
Rick: M-m-maybe Rhonda will sew it up for you.
Gordon: Good idea! Girls love to do stuff like that!
Narrator: There's a KNOCK at the door.
Gordon: There she is now!
Narrator: Gordon hastily opens the door, but instead of Rhonda, the gruff Coach Flern enters. Gordon rushes over to him.
Gordon: Coach Flern! It's so good to see you again!
Coach Flern: Get away from me, Shumway! And what's that smell? Somebody step on a piece of rotten broccoli?
Gordon *(laughs nervously):* Heh, heh . . . you always were a witty guy, Coach. Listen, I've got some great moves for the Rematch against the Goomers . . .
Coach Flern: What happened to your uniform?
Gordon: Don't worry. Rhonda will stitch it back up in time for the big game.
Coach Flern: I'm not worried, Shumway. Because you're not playing.
Gordon: I'm not?? Coach, you can't do this to me! I've waited years for this to make up for that teeny tiny little mistake you thought I made.
Coach Flern: You lost the championship for us once, Shumway. You're not doing

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Illustrations by Dick Codor

it again. I want new blood on my team—like Blisterman over there.

Narrator: Rick looks up in shock. The Coach wants him to play?

Rick: T-t-hat's Fusterman, Coach . . . but d-d-do you really mean it?

Coach Flern: Sure. You couldn't play any worse than Shumway.

Narrator: The Coach exits, leaving the boys alone. Rick is still in shock, Gordon's upset, and Skip looks at the two of them.

Skip: There's going to be trouble here.

Gordon: Hey, no problem, Skipper. The Coach was just kidding.

Skip: I don't think so.

Narrator: Meanwhile, Rick wanders around the room in a daze.

Rick: I'm finally going to play skleenball in Fleegle Stadium—it's a fantasy come true!

Skip *(whispers to Gordon):* Look how excited he is. You don't want to take that away from him, do you?

Gordon: If it means being able to save my reputation? Sure!

ACT THREE

Setting: The bench on the skleenball field. Rick looks nervous and excited as he waits for the game to start. Behind the bench, we can see Rhonda among the cheerleaders. Skip walks over to the bench. He's wearing an ugly jacket and carrying a microphone.

Skip: Rick Fusterman, how does it feel to be in the starting lineup of the Melmac U Homecoming Skleenball Rematch?

Rick: I-I-I'm scared, Skip.

Skip: There's nothing to be scared of, Rick-o. None of these dudes have played in a hundred years.

Rick: Some of the guys on the Goomer team are professional skleen masters, Skip.

Skip: I wasn't counting them. Hey, don't worry, you'll be fine. Hey—there's Gordo! Yo!

Narrator: Gordon enters, carrying buckets of water in front of his face to hide his shame.

Gordon: Sshhh! I don't want anybody to see how far the Brown Snout has fallen.

Rick: G-G-ordon, I'm scared! I can't play. Will you take my place?

Gordon: Okay.

Narrator: Skip pulls Gordon aside.

Skip: Gordon, you can't do that. Rick needs to prove to himself that he can do it. You already had your glory days; Rick needs something to remember, too.

Gordon: Skip, I know you mean well, but this is serious business. My reputation as the Brown Snout rests on this game. Rick can play some other time.

Skip *(shrugging):* All right, do what you want.

Gordon: I knew you'd understand.

Narrator: Gordon starts to take his Water Mammal jersey off, covering his eyes for a moment. When he can see again, he's shocked to find himself staring eyeball to eyeball with Coach Flern.

Coach Flern: You're out of uniform, Shumway. And while you're up, get me some water.

Gordon: Coach, I'm not the Water Mammal for this game. Rick wants me to sub for him.

Coach Flern: Since when is Kisterman running this team? I'm the boss, and I say you're suspended. If you're not careful, I'll make you Head Cheerleader!

Narrator: Gordon sadly sits on the bench next to Rick and Skip as the game is about to begin.

Skip *(into microphone):* It's a dark day at Fleegle Stadium, where the once proud Brown Snout has been reduced to being Water—

Gordon *(grabs microphone):* Cut that out, Skip!

Narrator: Rick's name is announced and he runs nervously onto the field. Gordon glumly watches the game. Rhonda comes over and sits on the bench with him and Skip.

(In the background, we

HEAR crowd, cheers, and general stadium mayhem.)
Rhonda: I think it's wonderful that you sacrificed your big chance for a comeback so Rick can have his moment in the sun, Gordon.
Gordon: Yeah. I'm a great guy. *(reacting to game)* Oof! They're killing Rick!
Skip *(into microphone):* They're killing Rick!
Rhonda: Gordon, make them stop!
Gordon: Hey, it's what Rick wanted.

Narrator: Rhonda gives Gordon a dirty look and goes to the Coach. The Coach nods and walks over to Gordon.
Coach Flern: Shumway, those Goomers are pretty tough this year—maybe you should play. I want to see them smear you across the field.
Gordon: Gee, thanks, Coach!
Narrator: And Gordon runs onto the field while the Coach signals for Rick to come out.
Gordon: Sorry, Rick-o. Coach's orders.
Rick *(sadly):* I know. I stink.
Narrator: Gordon watches as Rick sadly walks to the bench. Gordon feels guilty until he's squashed by a squadron of Goomers.
Rhonda: Ouch! Poor Gordon!
Rick: It looks rough from here, but when you're in the game, it's the greatest!
Narrator: Rick, Skip, and Rhonda wince on the sidelines as Gordon gets tossed around on the field like a skleenball himself. Then . . .
Skip: Gordon's calling for a timeout!
Rick: But the game's almost over, and we're only behind one skleen!
Coach Flern: Oh, no! This is what happened last time! He's going to ruin me!
Narrator: Gordon staggers over to the bench.
Gordon: Rick-o, it's up to you. I can't finish. All you have to do is get this can of anchovies into that basket over there . . .
Rick: Are you sure? This is your big moment!
Gordon: My big moment's going to be in traction if I play any more. Go do it for the Brown Snout!
Rick: I don't know if I can.
Gordon: Sure you can. Go get those Goomers, Gusterman!
Rick: It's Fusterman!
Gordon: I know. I was going for the alliteration!
Narrator: Rick runs back onto the field. Rhonda hurries over to Gordon.
Rhonda: Did those Goomers hurt you, Gordon?
Gordon: Of course not. But Rick looked so sad on the sidelines that I couldn't take it any longer. He needs this victory more than I do.
Rhonda: Oh, Gordon!
Skip *(into microphone):* And it's Fusterman with the skleen . . . and he's running, he tosses . . . SKLEENBALL! The Melmackers win!! And the hero of this game is Rick Fusterman!
Narrator: The crowd goes wild. Rhonda hugs Gordon.
Rhonda: But you're the real hero to me, Gordon!
Gordon: Awww . . . ●

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON EARTH

Yaaahhhh! It's the first day of a new school year! You're scared! You're excited! You're counting the days until summer vacation! Here's a look at the best and worst things about the first day of school on Earth!

BEST

One of the class rules is you can get a drink of water any time you want.

You remember how to read, write, and count.

Someone you really like sits next to you.

Your enemy from last year is not in your class.

You see friends you haven't seen all summer.

New school supplies

Your teacher tells you the first class trip will be to see dinosaur bones.

Some brand new clothes

WORST

Someone drops a plate of spaghetti and meatballs on your brand new clothes.

You have the teacher whose nickname is "the Homework Machine."

The gym teacher asks you to demonstrate a lay-up shot and then tells the class that that's the wrong way to do it.

You're late, and everyone stares at you when you walk into the classroom.

You get homework the first day.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ON MELMAC

Yaaarrgg! It's the first day of school! You're happier than a snarf on a hot and sticky fendlethorp! (A large one, too!) Here's a look at the best and worst things about the first day of school on Melmac!

BEST

This year's science projects involve meat.

No girls named Fester in your classes

The height requirement for Advanced Gerbil-Hucking is lowered.

Your best friend just changed his name to Erno.

Crispy cheese-filled cupcakes for lunch on Fridays

Mrs. Churnibbles, your homeroom teacher, is going bald.

Only teachers and farm animals have to wear ties. You don't.

WORST

No more wolf-whankies on Thursday's lunch menu.

Bringing your teacher lunch meat is no longer considered extra credit.

No more canned lard in the classrooms.

This year, all gym teachers have to wear wheat.

The first school holiday is Laugh At a Parsnip Day, three months away.

You can only chew gum while wearing wax lips.

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OOOOOOPS!

Here are those Bouillabaseball cards again. This time they're all right!

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Name: BOB "THE MOOK" RICKERTY
Team: FELDSPAR CALAMARIES
Position: LOW ZIPSTER
Birthplanet: CHUM

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	682	385	626	.274
Lifetime:	1,526	847	927	.321

Once a famous actor, Bob came into the sport of Bouillabaseball after he won the Icky Award for his performance in the hit movie *I'm Okay, You're Okay, But Your Sheep Just Exploded*. As a player, he's only been penalized once, for winking at a bran muffin.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
Is Bob married?

Answer: His wife thinks so.

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Name: CANDICE "THE BOOGER" FESHTORT
Team: DAVE'S BROWN SOX
Position: FIN TUCKER
Birthplanet: FAPPI

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	8,904	175	587	.377
Lifetime:	23,846	957	634	.433

Candice is considered one of the few fin tuckers to have learned her position without using a bucket of lard to aid her. Along with her twin sister, Marissa, she skyrocketed to fame as the deadly Feshtort twins.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
Has Jason stolen any bases?

Answer: Yes, and he was arrested twice.

ALF MAGAZINE

Name: IKE "HEDGEHEAD" NEELIE
Team: EQUINOX WEENIES
Position: LEFT HOOTER
Birthplanet: LENNY

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	28	653	621	.209
Lifetime:	104	7,815	1,954	.925

When she's not playing Bouillabaseball, Ike and her husband, Spike, spend their time raising money for the People Without Lips Foundation. Her nickname probably has something to do with the fact that her hairstylist used to be a gardener.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
What's Ike's favorite hobby?

Answer: Breaking nails.

ALF MAGAZINE

Name: JASON "BUBBA" HOWARDWANKLE
Team: ROSENBLOOM PHANTOMS
Position: SHALLOW CARBUNCLE
Birthplanet: THAT ROUND THING

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	37	652	1,126	.400
Lifetime:	105	1660	1,975	.400

Jason started playing Bouillabaseball at the young age of 155, after deciding not to follow in his father's footsteps and become a pop singer. Jason's famous father, Twink, topped the charts in the fifties with hits like, "My Parrot Can't Whistle A Tune" and "Bite The Weasel."

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
Who made the quote, "Never trust a man named Swizzle"?

Answer: Swizzle Johnson

ALF MAGAZINE

Name: CHAD "WAX LIPS" MCGERBER
Team: MELMAC ORBITERS
Position: LEFT WHIZZER
Birthplanet: AKST RONIT

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING/FIELDING RECORDS

	At Bats	Scoops	Splats	Avg.
Past Year:	6,934	724	612	.123
Lifetime:	56,504	854	776	.342

One of the oldest players in Bouillabaseball, Chad got his start at the tender age of 129 when his father taught him to catch a halibut without using his lips. The rest is history.

BOUILLABASEBALL QUIZ:
How did Chad get his nickname?

Answer: Who cares?

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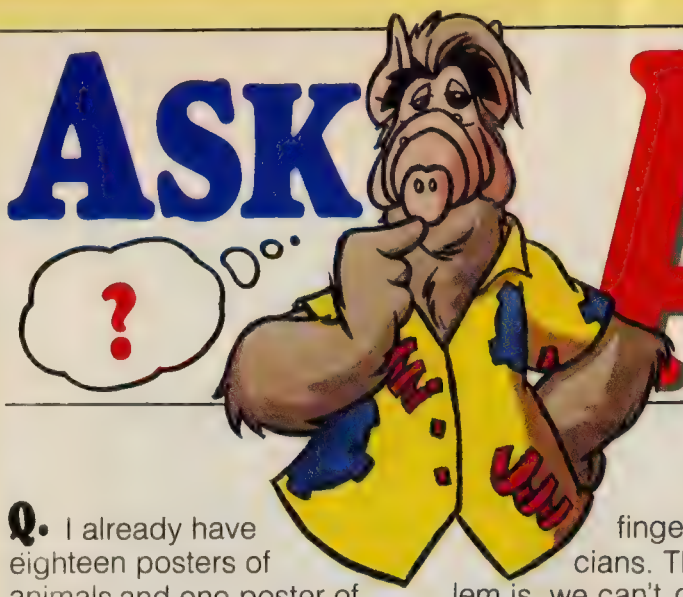


Q. I already have eighteen posters of animals and one poster of you on my walls. Collecting posters and stamps is my hobby, but I'm running out of room. What should I do?

Christine Murray
Granite City, IL

A. Only one poster of me??? You either need smaller posters or a bigger room. Seriously, it might be a good idea for you to concentrate on your stamp collection for a while.

Q. When you play Bouilla-baseball on Melmac, how does the glove fit you when you have only four fingers?

Michael Skolnik
North Miami, FL

A. Just like everything on Earth is made for people with five fingers, things on Melmac are made for four-fingered Melmacians. The only problem is, we can't count quite as high as Earthlings. Bummer!

Q. People at school call me ALF. Should I be happy or what?

Michael Johnson
Tulsa, OK

A. Back when I was in school, the other kids used to call me Michael. I didn't get too upset about it. Why should you? Besides, I'm a classy type of dude. Don't you think?

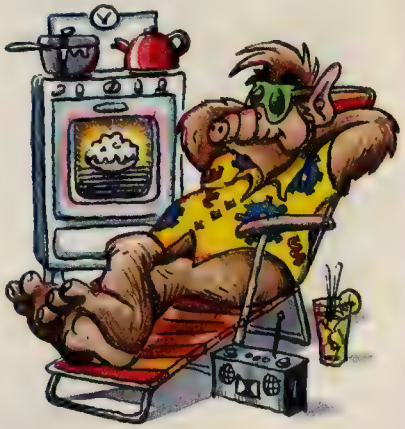
Q. What do you do in your room when you're grounded?

Stephanie Kelly
Kendall Park, NY

A. As you've probably noticed, I spend a lot of time getting into trouble. Unfortunately, that means I spend a lot of time being grounded in my room. (Funny how things work out that way!) The best thing to do to break the bedroom ho-hums is to read. I'm currently reading a great Melmacian mystery, *How the Parrot Glued Bread Crumbs to Uncle Fritz's Shorts*. I'll let you know how it ends.

Q. I like to lie out in the sun. My friends think I'm stupid and I don't know what to say. What do you think I should do?

Sharonda Manis
Greeneville, TN



A. First of all, *ALF Magazine*'s editor, Randi Hacker (a buddy of mine!), wants me to tell you to make sure you wear a sun screen with a SPF of at least 15. Now, as far as what I think, ask your doctor if lying in the sun is healthy. Being about 87½ percent fur, I don't know too much about sunbathing. The closest I get to sun on my face is when I open the oven door to see if dinner is ready.

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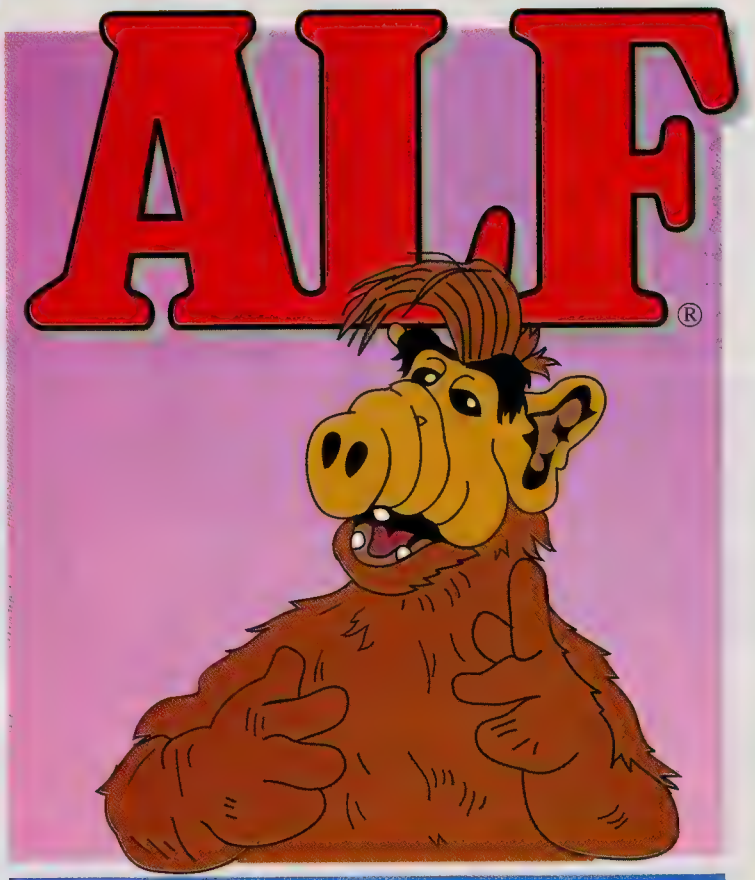

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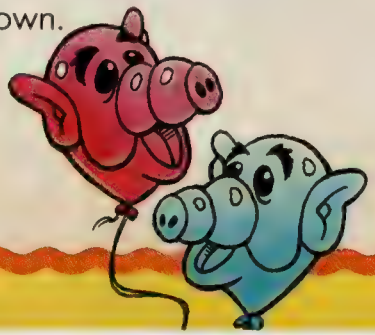

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GIMME FOUR!

Hey, folks! In this issue, we present ways to fill those long, long hours in the season between autumn and spring. Some call it winter. On Melmac, they call it the time to sing lullabies to friendly oysters. Ah, the good ol' wintertime on Melmac. Sledding, snowball fighting, dancing with chickens by the light of the moon. Well, anyway, wait till you see what—and who—is inside the magazine! And no, it's not Stan, the Melmacian garbageman (sorry).

We think this issue is really great. (Even if we did put it together). There are ALF Valentines (even ALF has a soft side); a wacky look at the difference between New Year's on Earth and on Melmac; jokes, activities, recipes, and more. The "more" includes a new kind of Mel-Matinee—ALF goes Shakespeare. Well, he doesn't really *go* anywhere, we just mean that this is a first—a Mel-Masterpiece Theater-type story for all you sophisticated types (if you're so sophisticated, why are you reading *this* magazine???). We present the ALFian version of that classic tale of love and revenge, "Gordeo and Rhondalet."

As you can see, we've got everything pretty well covered.

So gang, be cool and stay warm. And enjoy the issue. Even without Stan the garbageman.

Have a hoot. (That makes it seven hoots and counting!)

ALFectionately,
The Editor

P.S. Thanks to Kellie and Gina for their message—I really enjoyed it!

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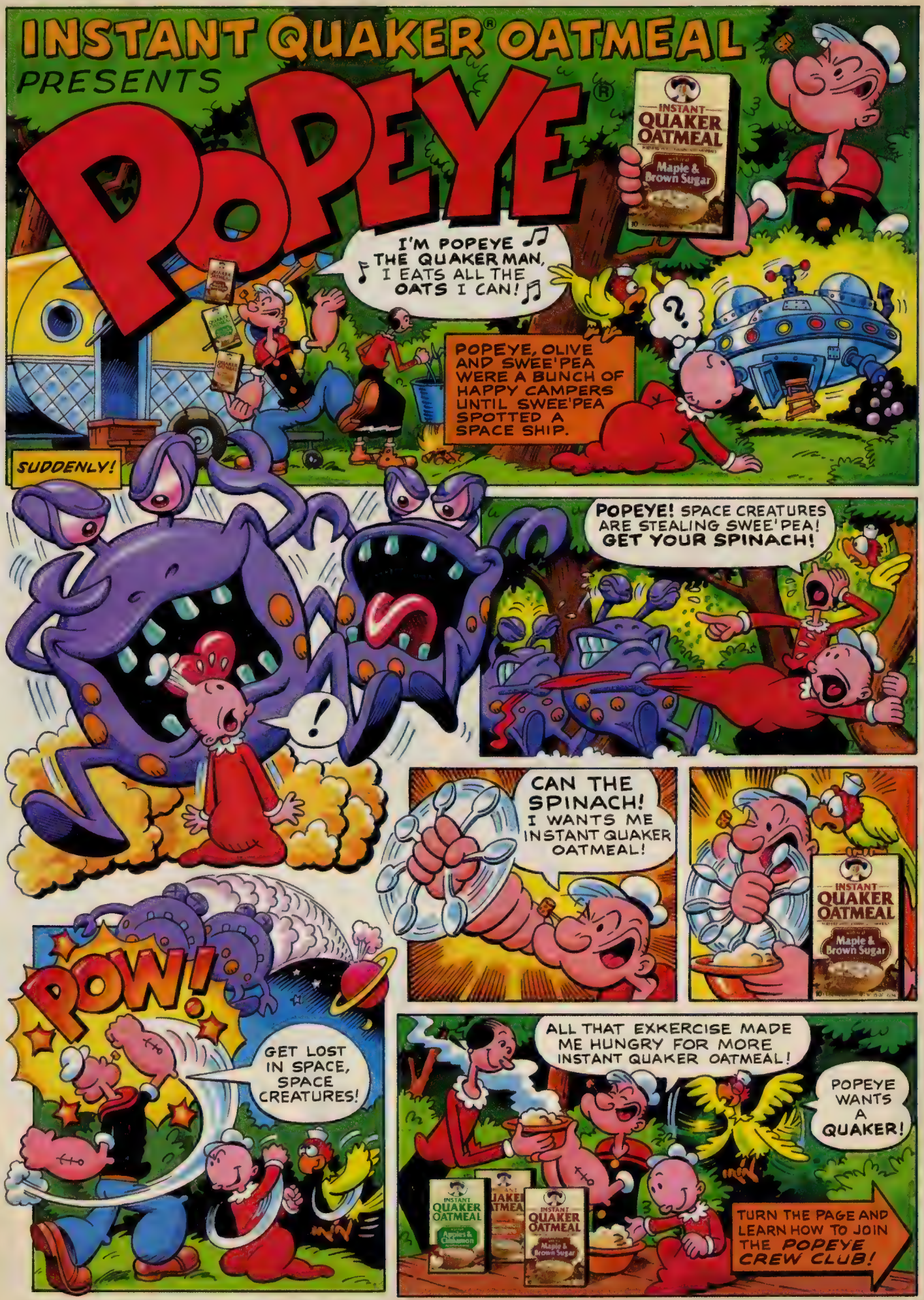

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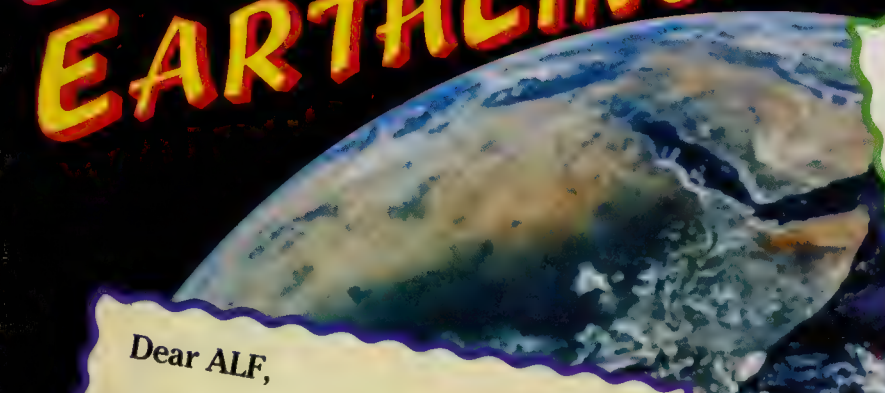

Dear ALF,

I think you are the greatest! Whenever your show comes on, I have my friends over to watch and we have an ALF party. Maybe you could come in person sometime.

Angela Curry
Eden, North Carolina

Dear ALF,

You are funny, especially when you burp. I noticed one of the Melmacian things you suggested to do on a rainy day is belch at a pet. You should come here sometime because we have six pets you could belch at. Also, you could belch at the cat on your show in between shows.

David Melton
Fort Collins, Colorado

Dear ALF,

I love your magazine. If I were Siskel and Ebert, I'd give it two thumbs up! I read about the Venus Flytrap—that's awesome! Oops, gotta go! Bye, see ya next season!

Ryan Hampshire
Tiffin, Ohio

Dear ALF,

I am one of your biggest fans. My nickname is "Alf." My real name is Alfredo (nobody calls me Alfredo). I watch *ALF* and *ALF Tales*. I have a cat. People tell me not to eat him. I can almost talk like Rick, Skip, Augie, and Stella.

Alf Navarro
Lake Luzerne, New York

Dear ALF,

I think you're the greatest comedian on earth! I live in Saudi Arabia. That's on the other side of the world from where you are.

I hope you live to be one million years old because I think people in the future should see your shows. I think your creator was real smart to create you and you are the greatest alien I have ever seen.

Alexis Olsen
Abqaic 31311
Saudi Arabia

Keep in touch. Drop us a line. Send your artwork. Send your parents. (Just kidding!) The address is:

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Though we promise to read all your letters, we're sorry we won't be able to answer each of them individually.

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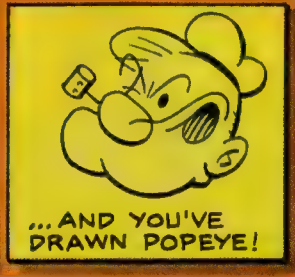
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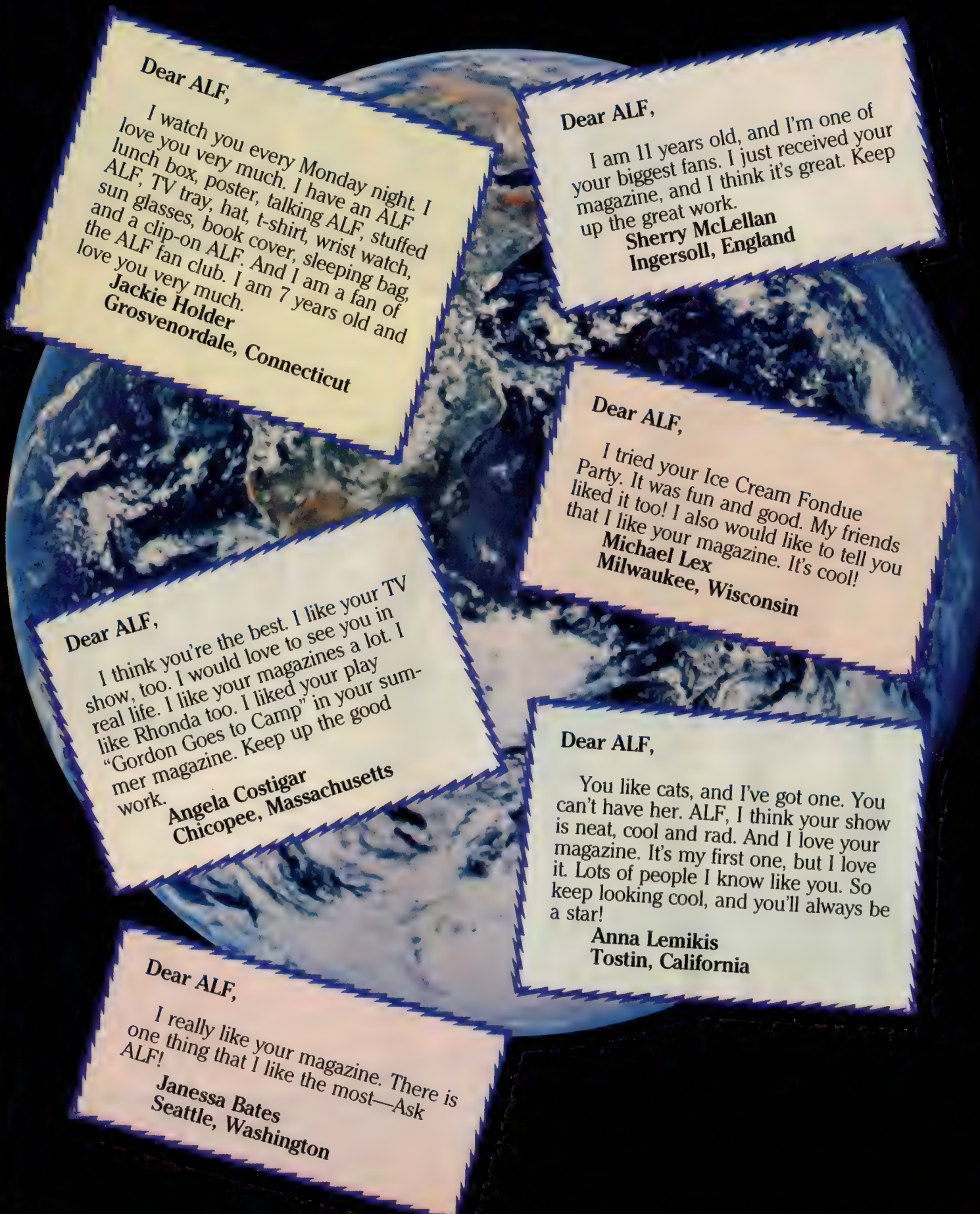


Dear ALF,

I watch you every Monday night. I love you very much. I have an ALF lunch box, poster, talking ALF, stuffed ALF, TV tray, hat, t-shirt, wrist watch, sun glasses, book cover, sleeping bag, and a clip-on ALF. And I am a fan of the ALF fan club. I am 7 years old and love you very much.

Jackie Holder
Grosvenordale, Connecticut

Dear ALF,

I am 11 years old, and I'm one of your biggest fans. I just received your magazine, and I think it's great. Keep up the great work.

Sherry McLellan
Ingersoll, England

Dear ALF,

I tried your Ice Cream Fondue Party. It was fun and good. My friends liked it too! I also would like to tell you that I like your magazine. It's cool!

Michael Lex
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear ALF,

I think you're the best. I like your TV show, too. I would love to see you in real life. I like your magazines a lot. I like Rhonda too. I liked your play "Gordon Goes to Camp" in your summer magazine. Keep up the good work.

Angela Costigar
Chicopee, Massachusetts

Dear ALF,

You like cats, and I've got one. You can't have her. ALF, I think your show is neat, cool and rad. And I love your magazine. It's my first one, but I love it. Lots of people I know like you. So keep looking cool, and you'll always be a star!

Anna Lemikis
Tostin, California

Dear ALF,

I really like your magazine. There is one thing that I like the most—Ask ALF!

Janessa Bates
Seattle, Washington

OFFICIAL MELMACTIVITY

WILL THE REAL ALF PLEASE STAND UP?

Welcome to copy central! Only one of the six ALFs below is really the ALF-meister. The rest are simply imposters—sort of nauga-ALFs. To figure out who's real and who's not, read the clues below. Put an X through each ALF who doesn't fit the description. When you're done, the real ALF will be the only one left.

★ The real ALF is holding a bag. ★ The real ALF is wearing a hat.

★ The real ALF is waving. ★ The real ALF is wearing a blue vest.

Illustrations by Steve Smallwood

ANSWER: The real ALF is standing in the middle of the bottom row.

BE THERE...

On The Fad And Fashion Front

Sock Switch

Why wear two socks of one color when you can wear four socks that are different colors? No reason! Pull on four stupendously diverse socks (we suggest two on each foot), roll up your jeans, and flash those feet!

Jump on the Bandana Wagon

Speaking of bandanas, layer on one or two to keep your head warm. Make a triangle and place the bandana on your head with the ends behind your ears and on your neck. Tie the ends together. For real frozen-ear alert days, wear a hat, too.

Alien Emblem

You've eyed the alligator. You've focused on the fox. But now, get ready for the logo that's as exciting as shaking hands with a sloth named Sam! It's the ol' ALFer himself, ready to attach to your favorite shirt. Or your favorite sweatsocks!

ALF Logo

Wherever you folks on the cutting edge want it!

First check with mom about putting glue on your clothes! Then, carefully cut out the ALF logo. Attach it to cardboard if you want to. Put a little rubber cement on the cut-out and a little on your shirt. Test an inside seam first to make sure it will come off the fabric. Then attach ol' ALF, grin, and march around like a Melmacian bigshot. To remove the logo, just pull it off and rub the spot where it was stuck.

Weird Clubs

Are you a southpaw? Do you collect chicken lips? Do Melmacians wear green fuzzy slippers? Alright, forget that last one, but think of a hobby or a habit, and there's probably a club for those who do it or have it! Some of the more interesting:

American Association of Aardvark Aficionados (P.O. Box 200, Parsippany, NJ 07054)
Purpose: To enhance the image of the aardvark. Miss American Aardvark contest held yearly. ALF is sure Rhonda could win this one.

International Banana Club (2524 N. El Molino Ave., Altadena, CA 91001)
For banana lovers. Has a museum of 12,000 banana artifacts. If ALF were there, he'd probably eat them all.

National Toothpick Holders Collector's Society (P.O. Box 204, Eureka, IL 61530)
Publishes "The Toothpick Bulletin." How's that for excitement?

Lefthanders International (P.O. Box 8249, Topeka, Kansas 66608)
For southpaws. Publishes Lefthanders Magazine and a mail-order catalogue for left-handers. ALF says he likes to use both hands—he can hold more food that way!

ALF Fan Club (P.O. Box 85056-Dept. J, Hollywood, CA 90072)
Nothing weird about this one!

OR BE SQUARE

Hey gang! Want to know all about that cold stuff that falls out of the sky, round about this time of year? (Hint: kids love it; adults usually aren't so thrilled.) Yes, folks, it's snow! So here's the scoop on it!

Snow Facts:

You want snow? You got snow! Or at least, you do if you live near any of the following places. They have some of the highest annual snowfalls in the country.
Stampede Pass, Washington 430.8 inches
Valdez, Alaska 299.4 inches
Mt. Washington, New Hampshire 250.9 inches
Blue Canyon, California 242.0 inches

No Spring Fling!

Think winter lasts a long time? One-fifth of the entire planet is covered with snow all year long!

Storm Alarm

Biggest winter storm in the U.S.: 76 inches of snow fell on Silverlake, Colorado, way back in 1921.

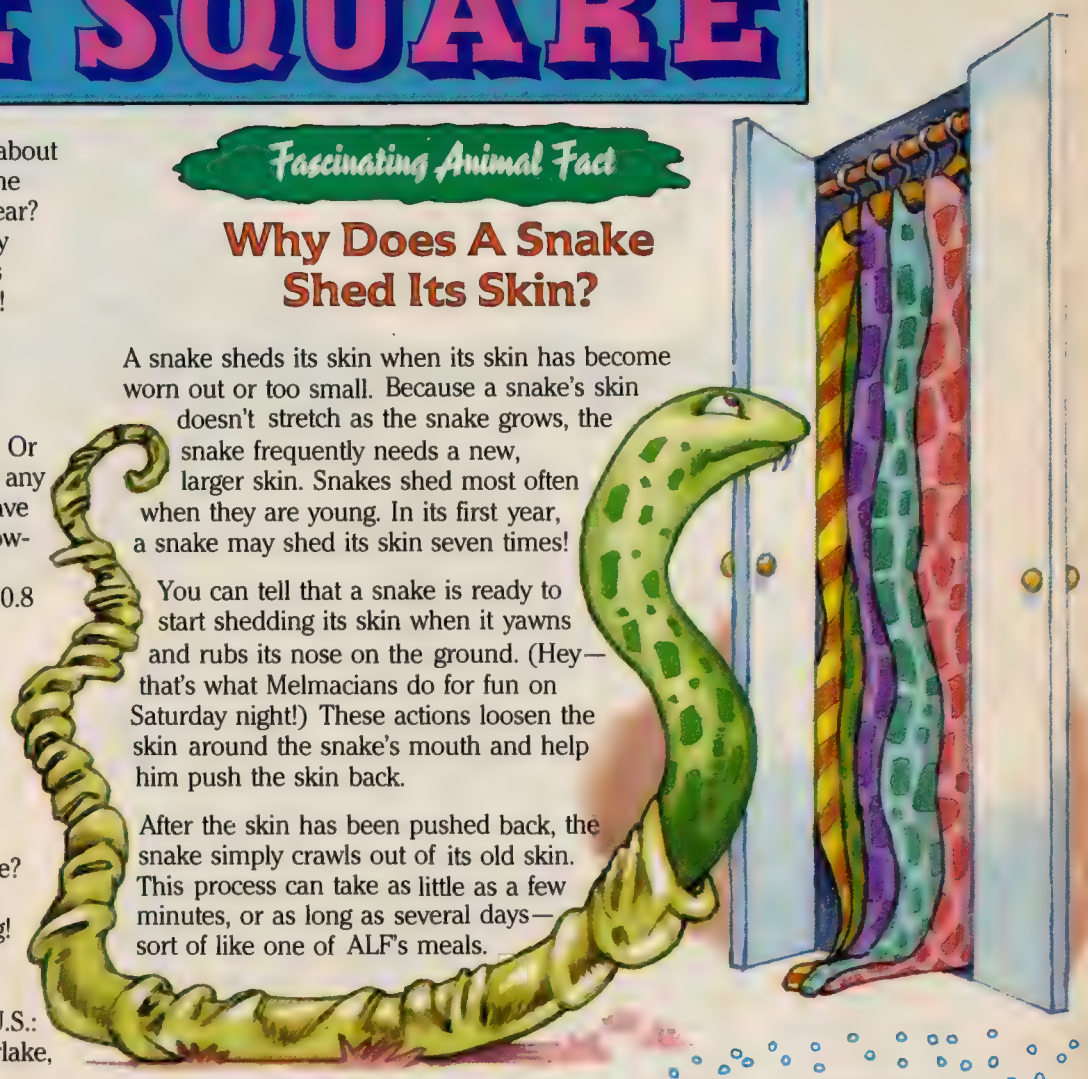
Fascinating Animal Fact

Why Does A Snake Shed Its Skin?

A snake sheds its skin when its skin has become worn out or too small. Because a snake's skin doesn't stretch as the snake grows, the snake frequently needs a new, larger skin. Snakes shed most often when they are young. In its first year, a snake may shed its skin seven times!

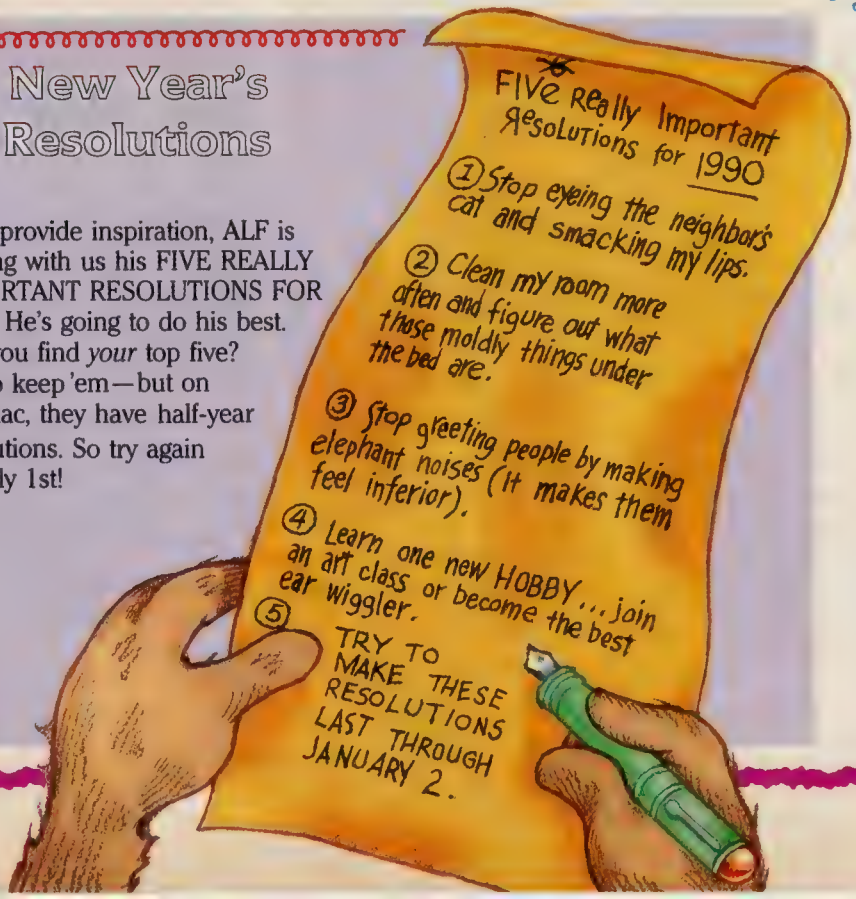
You can tell that a snake is ready to start shedding its skin when it yawns and rubs its nose on the ground. (Hey—that's what Melmacians do for fun on Saturday night!) These actions loosen the skin around the snake's mouth and help him push the skin back.

After the skin has been pushed back, the snake simply crawls out of its old skin. This process can take as little as a few minutes, or as long as several days—sort of like one of ALF's meals.



New Year's Resolutions

To provide inspiration, ALF is sharing with us his FIVE REALLY IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS FOR 1990. He's going to do his best. Can you find *your* top five? Try to keep 'em—but on Melmac, they have half-year resolutions. So try again on July 1st!



Even More Snow Facts:

Coldest Places (Where even ALF's fur won't do much good!)

These are some of the coldest average yearly low temperatures recorded in the United States.
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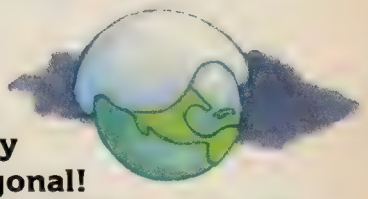
Helena, Montana −42°
Portland, Maine −39°



Totally Hexagonal!

A snowflake dissolves when you try to pick one up and look at it. But even though not all snowflakes are exactly alike, they all are hexagons—that is, they have six sides.

Illustrations by Frederic Winkowski

Yo, ALFsters. Well, we're on to you now. In our ALF reader survey, which we printed way back when, we really picked your brains—from what you like to watch to what you like to eat—plus, your three top wishes. Thousands of you sent in your surveys! You should have seen the mailbags! Thank you, everybody, for writing in. You can bet a grizzbain we appreciated it!

Your top TV star should come as no surprise—yes, it's the ol' ALFer himself. Other vote-getters included Kirk Cameron, Bill Cosby, Roseanne Barr and Alyssa Milano.

When you ALFies go to the flicks, the movie stars you like best are Tom Cruise, Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey and Bette Midler.

You seem to be heavily into The Beach Boys, Debbie Gibson and New Kids on the Block when it comes to top music picks. Your favorite song is The Beach Boys' "Kokomo." (ALF personally was rooting for "I Only Have Eyes For a Sandwich with Chives").

Your favorite food? Pizza. Favorite sport? Baseball. Your favorite things to do when you're not eating pizza or playing baseball? Swimming, reading, riding your bike, and hanging out with friends.

We asked all you guys what you'd like to ask President Bush. Some of your weirdest responses:

Do you have a bike?

Do you know where ALF's studio is?

One of you very health-conscious kids told us that you'd tell the Prez to order everyone in the world to eat from the four basic food groups once a day.

The best thing about school? Seems to be recess—and the worst is homework.

You'd like to make the world a better place by getting rid of crime and pollution, but other suggestions for improving life on earth were "A new ALF channel with ALF on 24 hours a day," and "Every person would have to wear a hat."

What are your wishes? They include, "Twelve more wishes," "To own a big truck," "Peace on earth," and "To live in a really big house."

And now, we present those ultra-lucky winners of a Really Nice ALF lunchbox and thermos, courtesy of Thermos, Inc. These readers were chosen at random from the thousands who wrote in. Thanks again for writing, gang!

Alf Survey Winners

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What's Cooking at the Cat-Sup Diner

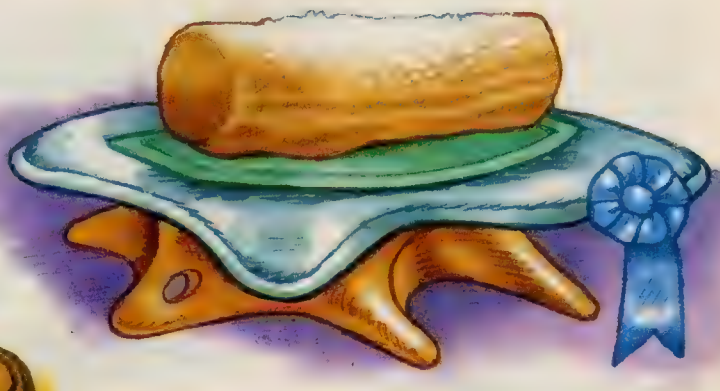
FOOD FOR A WINTER MOOD

Brr! It's nippy out there! So come on in and let Stella's wacky and wonderful woundup (whoops—roundup) of winter foods wow you! Of course, on Melmac, cold weather is an excuse to wrap up in dried fish and yodel, but on earth, you'll just have to settle for these winter-inspired goodies (what did you think they were, baddies?) Onward to the kitchen, foodmeisters!

Chocolate Log

Whip a pint of heavy cream in a large bowl. Right before you are done, add in a sprinkling of instant cocoa. Mix it in; the cream should be light brown.

Now you need a package of round chocolate wafer cookies. Start covering each wafer with cream, then pressing them together, two by two, and put them on a plate.



Have the cookies lay side by side (see illustration). When you've used all the cookies, cover the top and sides of your creation with the remaining whipped cream.

Refrigerate for several hours. Take out and lightly dust with coconut. Get in the winter spirit and pretend it's a snow-covered log, with freshly fallen snow on top. Or, if it doesn't look like a log, just tell people it's an avant-garde sculpture.

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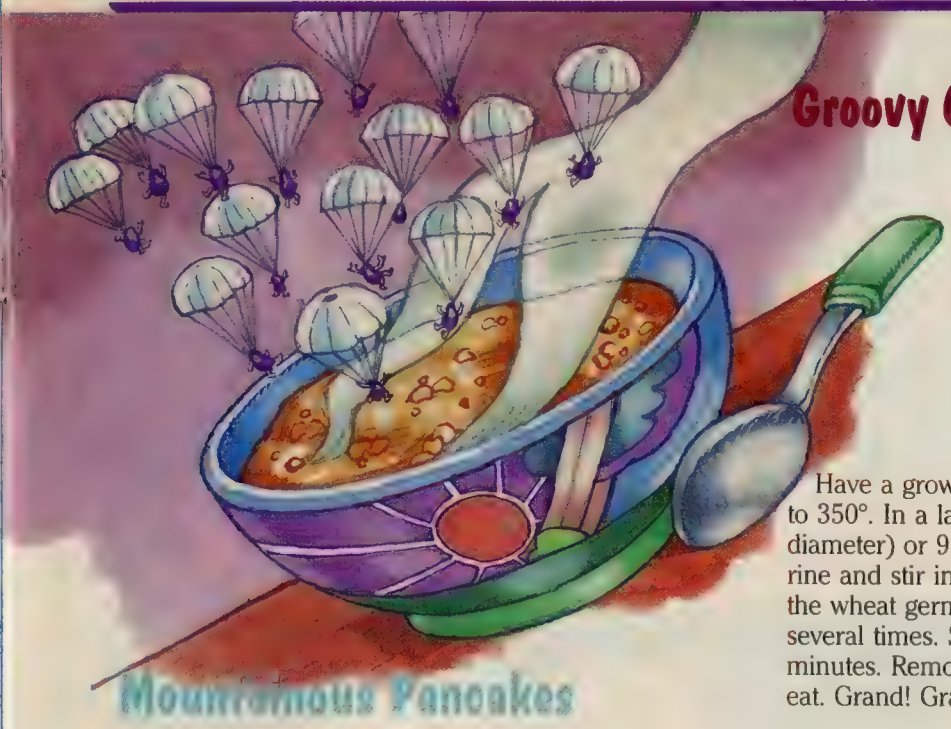


Groovy Granola

You'll need:
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/4 cup honey
3 cups rolled oats (regular or quick)
1 cup shredded or flaked coconut
1 cup untoasted sunflower seeds
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 cup wheat germ (optional)
2/3 cup raisins

Have a grown-up help you with this recipe. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large oven-proof skillet (at least 10 inches in diameter) or 9 × 13 in. baking pan, melt the butter or margarine and stir in the honey. Add all the ingredients except the wheat germ and raisins. Bake for 15 minutes, stirring several times. Stir in the wheat germ and bake for 10 more minutes. Remove the granola, stir in the raisins, cool, and eat. Grand! Granular! And pretty darn tasty!

Mountainous Pancakes

You'll need:
1 stick sweet butter or margarine
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup unbleached all purpose flour
2 eggs
lemon juice
confectioner's sugar

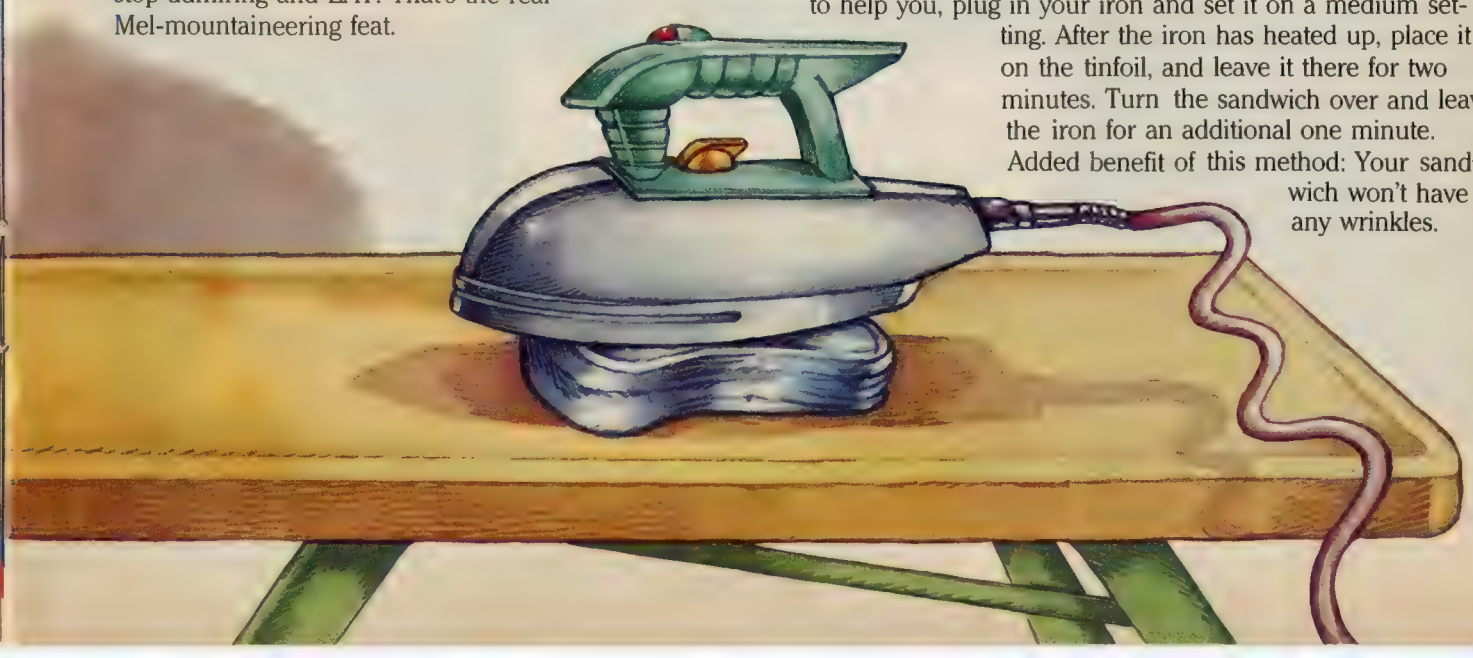
Once again, grab your grown-up. Put the butter in an oven-proof heavy frying pan, 12 inches in diameter. Set the oven at 475°.

Lightly mix the milk, flour and eggs.

Melt the butter or margarine on the stove in the frying pan. When it's melted, add the batter to the pan. Bake for about 12 minutes. Carefully remove from the oven (definite grown-up time again), and sprinkle with lemon juice and sugar. It will look a little lumpy, but it's supposed to. Serve straight from the pan. Everyone will be impressed at how dramatic it looks. Plant your fork on top and say out loud, "I hearby claim this mountain for all Melmacians and their friends." Now stop admiring and EAT! That's the real Mel-mountaineering feat.

Ironed Sandwich

Take two slices of bread and butter both sides. Fill with several slices of your favorite cheese. Wrap the sandwich in tinfoil. But wait! Do not head for the oven. Grab a grownup to help you, plug in your iron and set it on a medium setting. After the iron has heated up, place it on the tinfoil, and leave it there for two minutes. Turn the sandwich over and leave the iron for an additional one minute. Added benefit of this method: Your sandwich won't have any wrinkles.



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Who is beautiful, gray, and wears glass slippers?
Cinderelephant.

Is it harmful to write on an empty stomach?
No, but paper is better.

What do you call a hamburger bun in a rocking chair?
Rockin' Roll.

What did the beaver say to the tree?
It's been nice gnawing you.

BIG YUKS SPOTLIGHT

How do they play basketball in Hawaii?
With hula Hoops!

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Why don't ducks tell jokes while they are flying?
Because they would quack up.

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A cocky roach.

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Cruisin' Color

Where's ALF going in such a hurry? Maybe he heard there was a cat convention up ahead! Whatever the reason, get out those crayons and liven up his drive with some cool hues!

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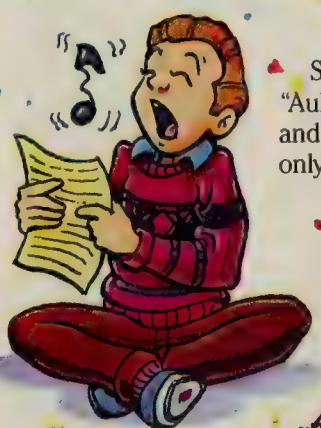
NEW YEAR'S EVE ON EARTH

by Randi Hacker

Happy New Year! it's time to p-a-a-rty! Here are a few crazy things people on earth like to do on New Year's Eve! Sound familiar? (We knew you were the type!)

Make a lot of noise at midnight. This might include running around in your pajamas out in front of your house, banging pots and pans.

Watch fireworks and say "ooh!" and "aah!" several times.



Sing the first line of "Auld Lang Syne" over and over, since it's the only line they know.

Earthlings get crazy and start kissing other people at the start of midnight—even people they don't know. Ick!

Stay up so late that it's no longer worth going to bed.

Talk about other New Year's Eves and get most of the facts wrong.

Make New Year's resolutions like, "No more chocolate!" and promptly eat some the next day.

Illustrations by Larry Nikolai

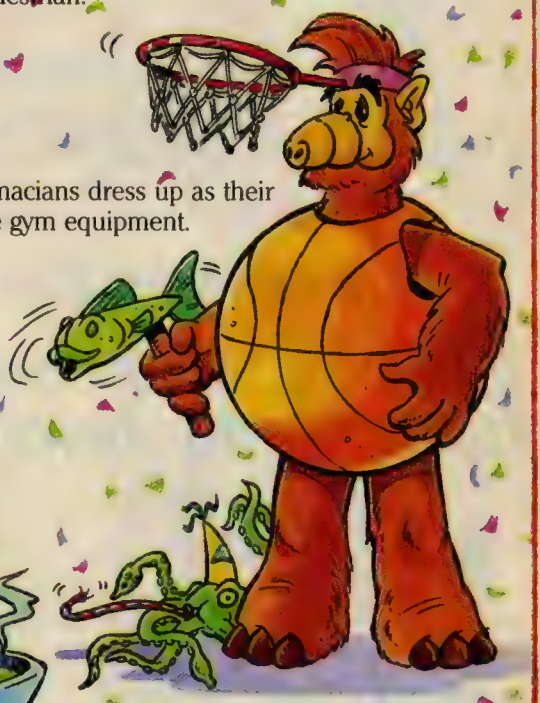
NEW YEAR'S EVE ON MELMAC

by Richard J Schellbach

So now we turn to Melmac. How do those Melmacians cut loose and celebrate the New Year? Here are some of the ways they call going "wild" on this wacky holiday. These events are as much fun as doing the polka with a three-toed sloth!

A popular Melmacian game on New Year's Eve is rubbing chalk on a pedestrian.

Melmacians dress up as their favorite gym equipment.



Lima beans are allowed to waltz.

On the negative side, pestering a squid on New Year's is against the law.

Melmacian New Year's is the only day when you can swap your pencil collection for a trained lemur.

As the clock strikes midnight, Melmacians dance around a large vat of soup and name their furniture after famous sheep herders.

Only on Melmacian New Year's are all mammals considered to be amphibious.

At the stroke of noon the next day, all Melmacians gather in the town square and sing Melmac's anthem, "My Lips Only Dance With a Barber Named Spud." After the festivities, Melmacians clean up and spend the next hour laughing at chrome.

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Melmatinee

GORDEO AND RHONDALET

STARRING

Gordon Rhonda Rick Skip Flo Froggy Narrator

Featuring:
Gordon Shumway (ALF) as *Gordeo*, a junior at East Velcro High. Rhonda as *Rhondalet*, a freshman at West Velcro High. Rick as *Mercurichrome* (we'll call him Merk), Gordeo's best buddy. Skip as *Friar Partz*, a friendly guidance counselor. Flo Shumway as *Mz. Shumway*, Rhondalet's Home Ecch teacher. *Froggy*, Rhondalet's last boyfriend.
Narrator

ACT ONE

Narrator: What follows ain't Shakespeare, but is the Melmac Theatre-in-the-Trapezoid's version of that universally loved opus, "Gordeo and Rhondalet." As the curtain rises, we find the hero, Gordeo (ALF), complaining to his best friend Mercurichrome (Merk for short) (Rick) in the hallway at school.

Gordeo: What ho, wouldst that I couldst findst a date for yon dance next week.

Merk: Why are you talking funny, Gordeo?

Gordeo: Because that's how Mel Shakespeare wrote it.

Merk: Gordeo, you're in a kid's magazine now. If you don't speak regular TV-style English, how are they going to understand?

Gordeo: Good point, Merk. So where are we going to cruise for some babes for the dance next week?

Merk: I thought you were t-t-taking Francine to the dance.

Gordeo: So did I. But she ignored me in seafood studies. I'm so depressed.

Merk: I know just the ticket. There's an after-Bouillabaseball dance over at West Velcro High tonight.

Gordeo: West Velcro? That's our arch rival! They'd never let guys from East Velcro into their party!

Merk: If they ask, we'll tell them we're aliens from the planet Mukluk.

Gordeo: They're dumb enough to believe that!

Narrator: So Gordeo and Merk sneak into the dance. They station themselves cleverly by the food table, so the evening won't be a total loss.

Gordeo: Mmm—great catato chips! Pour me more of that punch, Merk.

Narrator: As Merk goes over to the punchbowl, Rhondalet, (Rhonda) a vision of loveliness, enters the room. Gordon spots her and falls instantly in love. Merk comes back with the punch and tries to get Gordeo's attention.

Merk: G-g-gordeo! Wake up! What's wrong?

Gordeo: I'm in love.

Merk: Hey, don't get carried away, I only brought you punch because I was getting

by Alicia Schudt-Schechter

some for myself.

Gordeo: Not with you, dummy! Her! Look! Hast thou ever seen such a vision of loveliness? Shall I compare her to a summer's day? She is more temperate, and less humid ...

Merk: Stop talking weird, Gordeo. They'll know we're from out of town. Besides, she's with Froggy, the Squisher for the West Velcro Snout Wrestling Team.

Narrator: As if on cue, Rhondalet heads for the refreshment table. Gordeo can't believe this is happening.

Gordeo: I'm going to be sick.

Narrator: Rhondalet crosses to the punchbowl. Her eyes lock with Gordeo's. Music starts. They both sigh.

Rhondalet: I'm Rhondalet. I'm lead cheerleader for the Squishers. And I love you. Who are you?

Gordeo: I'm Gordeo. From ... around.

Narrator: They stare at each other and sigh. Then Froggy storms over.

Merk: Gordeo! Look out!

Froggy: Gordeo? From East Velcro?

Narrator: He pulls Gordeo up by his collar.

Froggy: You're slug meat! You come into our school, flirt with my chick? I ought to squish you!

Narrator: Rhondalet tries to stop the fight, but Froggy pushes Gordeo out the door. Merk runs after him. Rhondalet sadly watches as Froggy pulls her off with him. She turns and her eyes meet Gordeo's once more. They sigh.

Gordeo: I must go steady with her.

Merk: Forget it, Gordeo. No woman's worth being squished over.

ACT TWO

Narrator: It's a few days later. Rhondalet sits in her Home Ecch class and stares out the window. Her teacher, Mz. Shumway (Flo) taps the desk with her ruler.

Mz. Shumway: I can tell that you're in love, Rhondalet, and it's hurting your studies. How can you graduate if you can't even sculpt a halibut?

Narrator: Just then, Gordeo's face appears in the window. He's climbed up the trellis.

Gordeo: But soft! What light from yonder window breaks?

Mz. Shumway: Hey, you break anything around here, buster, you pay for it.

Narrator: Mz. Shumway quickly opens the window before Gordeo leaps through it. He climbs in and he and Rhondalet hug. They stare into each others' eyes and sigh.

Rhondalet: Gordeo, Gordeo, wherefore art thou, Gordeo? I don't know what that means, but it's great to see you.

Mz. Shumway: Tell you what I'm going to do. Since you kids are obviously meant for each other, despite your tragic geographical circumstances, I'm going to send you to see Friar Partz.

Gordeo: Friar Partz? Isn't he that Guidance Counselor who doubles as a pizza maker and an aerobics instructor?

Mz. Shumway: Yes ... Quite a guy. He's the one who can perform the Going Steady Ceremony and emotionally link you two together. Maybe that way, the silly rivalry between your two schools will be erased forever.

Narrator: So Gordeo and Rhondalet go to Friar Partz's office. He's a strange little man wearing a long black robe and leg warmers.

Friar Partz: Welcome, my children! If you'll just have a seat, we can discuss what you're going to be when you grow up.

Rhondalet: Excuse me, but we're not here for guidance counseling. Mz. Shumway sent us to see you about our ... problem.

Friar Partz: Of course—you're the star-crossed lovers! I'll start the Going Steady Ceremony right away.

Gordeo: Can you make it fast? I have a Mel-algebra class in 10 minutes.

Friar Partz: Patience, my son. What I'm about to do will change your lives, and those of the rest of East and West Velcro forever ... I now pronounce you Going Steady!

Narrator: Friar Partz pins Melmacian smiley faces on the happy couple. They kiss.

Friar Partz: Go in peace. But hurry. I have a low-impact class in five minutes.

Narrator: Gordeo and Rhondalet skip out the door, hand in hand. But standing outside the building, waiting for Rhondalet, is Froggy.

Froggy: Rhondalet! There you are! I decided it was time we went steady. Let's go make it official.

Rhondalet: Uh, Froggy ...

Narrator: But before she can explain, Froggy picks Rhondalet up and carries her up to Friar Partz.

Friar Partz: Back so soon? Oh my, we are a popular girl, aren't we?

Narrator: Rhondalet waves frantically behind Froggy's back to get Friar Partz to be quiet. He understands.

Froggy: So, Partz, do that ceremony you do.

Friar Partz *(stalling)*: Oh, no, I couldn't possibly. You're not prepared.

Froggy: Prepared?

Friar Partz: That's right. You have to take a written test to make sure you're qualified to go steady. Make sure you only use a #2 pencil, and keep all marks within the lines.

Froggy: Uhh, OK, but I never heard of this before.

Narrator: He and Rhondalet leave with the written test. Rhondalet signals "thank you." But as the couple is going down the stairs, Froggy notices the smiley face pin on Rhondalet's blouse.

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Froggy: What's this? You're already going steady with someone else?

Rhondalet: What, this? No, it came with the blouse.

Froggy: It's that Gordeo creep, isn't it. I knew something was going on between you two! I'm going to get that Gordeo!

Narrator: Froggy runs out to find Gordeo, which isn't too hard, since Gordeo's trying to climb up another trellis to look into Friar Partz's window. Froggy pulls the trellis over. Gordeo falls into his arms.

Froggy: Thanks for dropping in, Gordeo. It's time I taught you a lesson!

ACT THREE

Narrator: While Froggy carries Gordeo off to a challenge duel, Rhondalet runs upstairs to Friar Partz for help.

Friar Partz: It's going to be one of those days, isn't it?

Rhondalet: My old boyfriend is about to squish my new boyfriend. But I love the new one better. How can I help?

Friar Partz: When mammals fight over the same woman, there's only one traditional duel they must fight—the Tabby Pot Pie Eating contest.

Rhondalet *(horrified)*: They have to risk their lives eating high cholesterol food?

Friar Partz: That's right, my dear. And the only way you can stop them is by eating six

or seven pies yourself, then pretending to go into Crisco shock. Maybe then they'll see the error of their ways, make up, and be friends.

Rhondalet: There's no easier way?

Friar Partz: I'm afraid not.

Rhondalet: Lead me to the pie bar, Friar Partz.

Narrator: By the time Rhondalet and Friar Partz reach the pie bar, Gordeo and Froggy are munching through their third pie each. Rhondalet pushes to the front of the stage and grabs a pie.

Rhondalet: If you two don't stop being so silly, I'm going

to eat one of these things myself, thereby clogging my arteries and risking my life.

Froggy: Get off the stage, Rhondalet. Cheerleaders can't handle Tabby Pot Pie.

Rhondalet: Yeah? Watch me!

Narrator: And Rhondalet eats it in one bite.

Gordeo: Stop it! You'll go into Crisco shock!

Rhondalet: I don't care! I'm doing this for you!

Narrator: She swallows two more.

Froggy: OK, you made your point. Now sit down.

Narrator: Rhondalet stares Froggy in the eye and chows down three more pies.

Gordeo: I like that in a girl.

Froggy: Well, I don't. She's going to be so fat, she won't fit in her cheerleader uniform.

Gordeo: So what? It's what's inside that counts, isn't it?

Narrator: Rhondalet eats five more and belches.

Froggy: She's getting really gross, Gordeo. I think I'll let you keep her after all.

Rhondalet: I really like these!

Gordeo: OK, Rhondalet, you can stop now. You proved your point ...

Rhondalet: Wait, one more.

Narrator: Rhondalet eats the pie and rolls her eyes. Then she staggers from the table, falls to the ground, and pretends to go into Crisco shock.

Froggy: Echh! Who wants a girlfriend who acts like that?

Narrator: Gordeo, distressed, rushes over to Rhondalet.

Gordeo: Rhondalet! What dost happeneth to thou? And more important, what happened to you?

Froggy: I think it's too late.

Gordeo: You mean ...

Froggy: Crisco-shock city.

Narrator: Gordeo lets out a cry of anguish.

Gordeo: If only I'd offered her something nutritionally sound, like a tofu soy bar! I can't go on!

Narrator: Gordeo grabs the remaining pies and starts stuffing them in his mouth, determined to join Rhondalet in a Crisco stupor. He falls to the ground.

Friar Partz: Well, there's a pretty sight for you.

Narrator: Rhondalet opens her eyes and sees Gordeo lying on the ground. She lets out a yelp.

Rhondalet: Gordeo! My blimp prince! Your system couldn't take it.

Froggy: What will happen to him? Will he stay that way?

Friar Partz: Oh, don't worry. He'll come out of it soon. Of course, from now on he and Rhondalet will both have to watch their calorie intake, and get serious about exercise.

Narrator: Some time later, Gordeo begins to stir.

Gordeo: Rhondalet! You're alive! Fat, but alive!

Rhondalet: And you, my chubby cherub, the same. We shall ne'er again be parted.

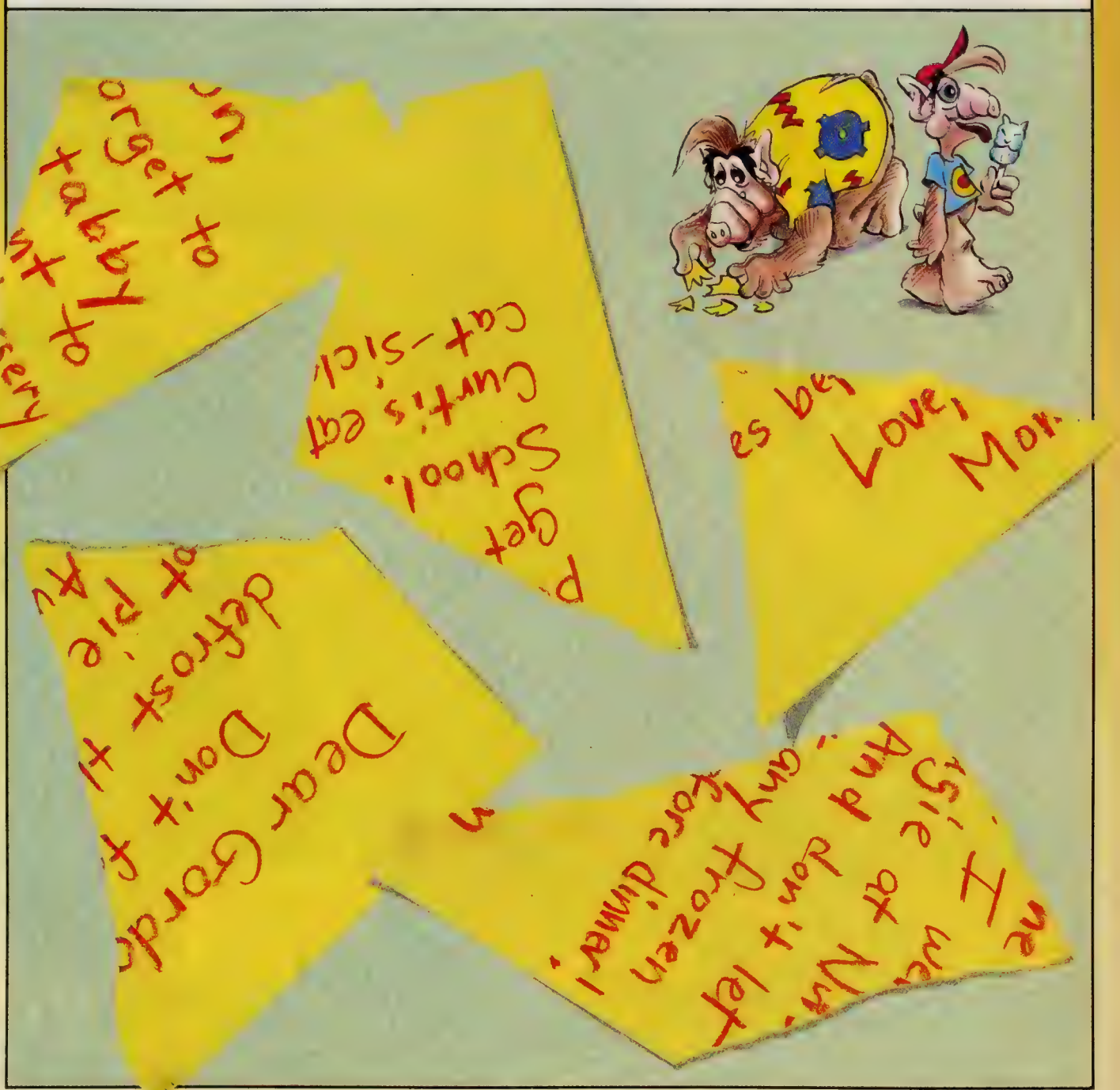
Froggy: Especially since no one will want to date you guys looking like that! Gordeo, she's all yours. Take her ... please!

Narrator: As Gordeo and Rhondalet skip off hand in hand (while Rhondalet stuffs more pies in her mouth), the townspeople cheer. They all decide not to fight each other anymore, and they agree to throw Froggy out of both Velcros and put him in Driving School for five years or 50,000 miles whichever comes first.

Rhondalet gained 150 pounds and is now the team mascot. Gordeo has put her on a strict diet and they both go to Friar Partz's aerobics class. And they all lived happily ever after. ●

FLO CHART

When Gordon's mom, Flo, went out, she left him a note with some instructions. Unfortunately, Curtis came in and ripped up the note. Now Gordon has to put the note back together before his mom gets home and yells at him—and before Curtis gets away with something he's not supposed to do. Unscramble the note and write your answer below.



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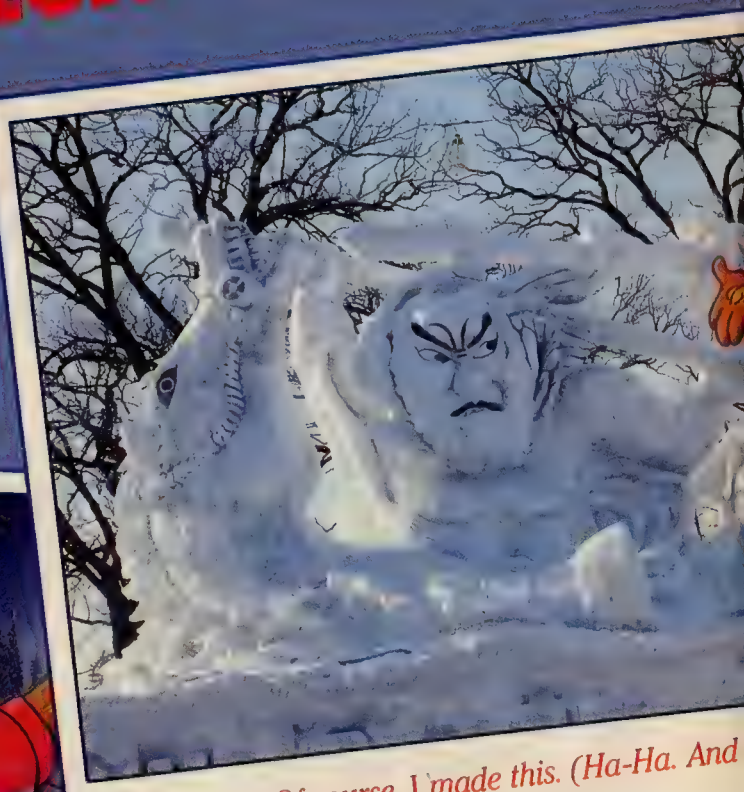
Answer: Dear Gordon, Don't forget to defrost the tabby pot pie. I went to get Augie at Nursery School. And don't let Curtis eat any frozen cat-sicles before dinner! Love, Mom

Winterama!

ALF's off to a wild and wacky winter fe[illegible]--
let's see what happens!

Where are the brakes on these things?



Of course, I made this. (Ha-Ha. And

Something tells me I shouldn't look

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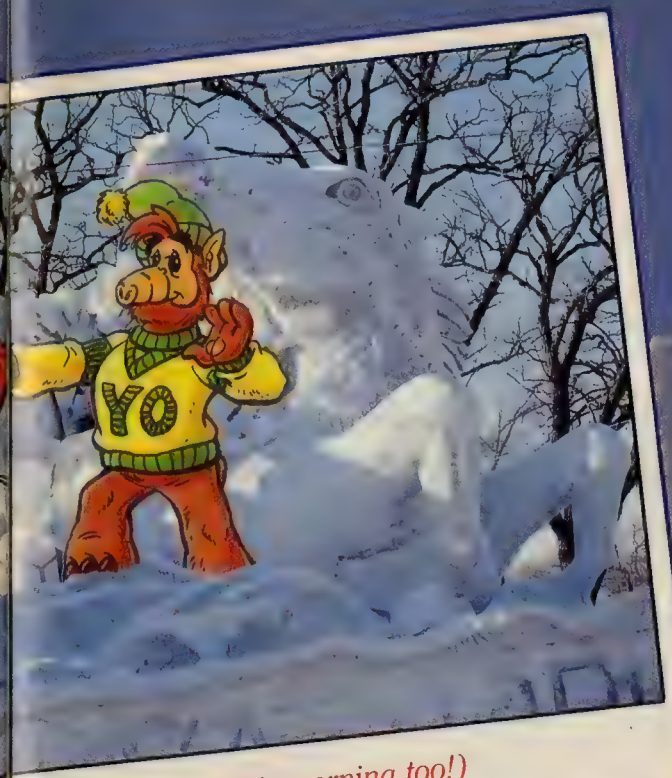

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I made my bed this morning too!)

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Uh-Oh! Look out below!
My skis have deserted me!

Tim Steinberg

over my shoulder.

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Ah, now this is a winter activity I'm really good at.
Apres ski, everyone?

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Word-A-Rama

Find the hidden words in the puzzle below. Words are vertical, horizontal, diagonal, forwards, backwards, upside down, and listed here: Ochmonek, Kate, Rick Fusterman, Gordon, Shumway, Mayonnaise, No Problem, Lucky, Rhonda, Alf, Curtis, Augie, Brian, Cat, Supper, Tanners, Willie, Melmac, Eric, Trevor, Raquel, Lynn

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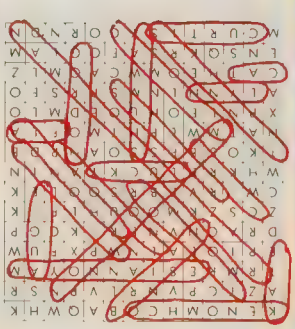
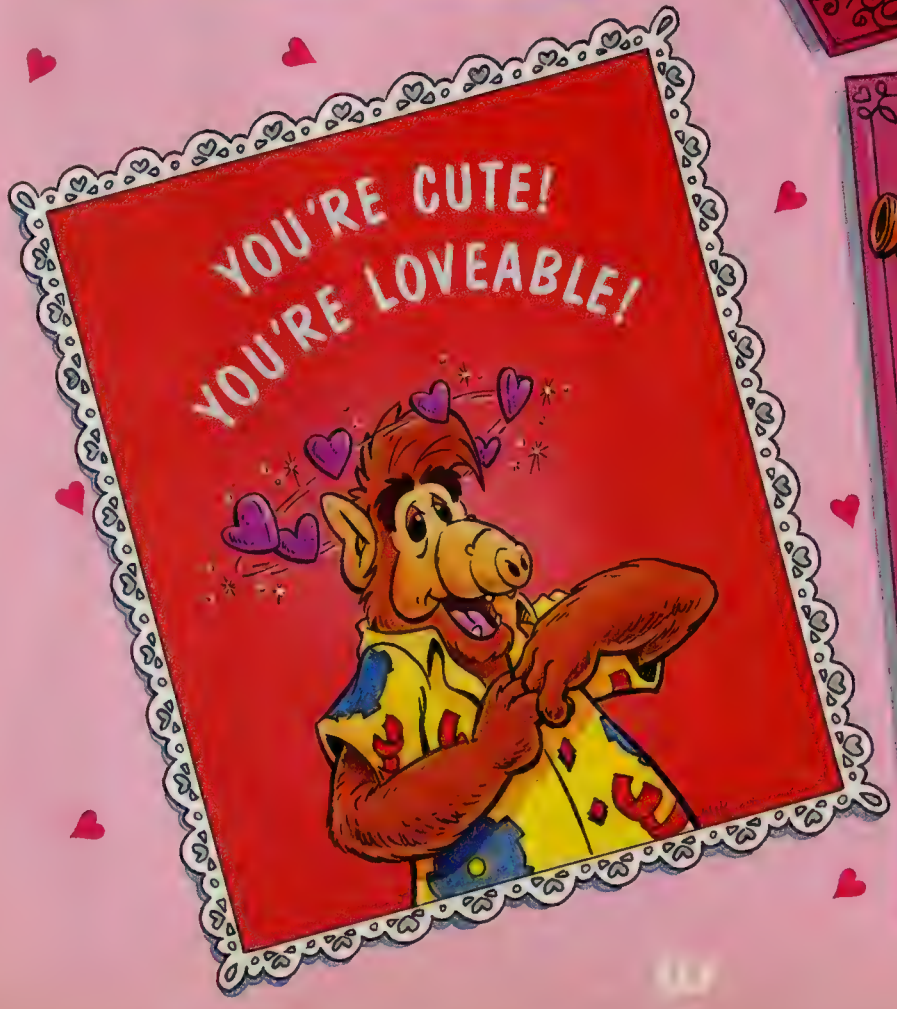


Say it with ALF

Like all Earth holidays, Valentine's Day is better on Melmac. What's so romantic about sending flowers? When Melmacians are in love, we send lunch meat. Seeing as Earthlings like sending cards, I've made four Valentines that you can cut out and give to that special someone. Remember, when Cupid's arrow strikes, keep in mind that ALF helped.



I get all ooky!

And you're pretty hot, yourself!
(Ah, I love good poetry)

Or else!

IF YOU HAD MORE FUR, YOU'D BE PERFECT!

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Holiday Scramblers

Unscramble the words to make several ALF-related things and names.
Then unscramble the red letters in both puzzles to make holiday-themed words.
No problem!

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Peen

Answers: Eat, Lynn, Grizzbain, Rhonda, Willie, Cat, Melmac. Letters left over: E, Y, R, N, W, A, E. Word formed: New Year
Rick, Gordon, Bouillabaseball, Ochmonek, ALF, Tanner, Neep, Brian, Diner, Recipe. Letters left over: I, O, O, C, A, T, E, N, D, R. Word formed: Decoration

ASK ALF

Q. My boyfriend collects pencils as a hobby. Do you have any hobbies?

Doreen Arvai
New Britain, CT

A. First of all, are you old enough to date? Second of all, your boyfriend has a bizarre hobby. Third of all, I collect photos of short women named Waldo. Now, *that's* a hobby!

Q. What happens when your hair gets wet?

David Ruocco
Califon, NJ

A. It's not a pretty sight, Dave-meister. I look like a cross between a water-logged rat and Barbra Streisand! It doesn't do wonders for my weight, either. Right after a shower I weigh the same as a Buick!

Q. I like cats a lot and they smell good. Do you think I should taste one?

Geoff Tombs
Scarborough,
Ontario,
Canada

A. Not a good idea, Geoff-meister! I like roses and they smell good. But have you ever tried eating one? Yechhh! I like cars and new cars smell good. But ... Well, you get the idea. Besides, earth food is better than Melmacian food. For one thing, it doesn't shed.

Q. People in school call me four eyes because I wear glasses. What do you think I should do?

Katrina Hunter
Dayton, Ohio

A. When I was in school, the other kids used to call me four teeth—for obvious reasons. It used to hurt my feelings until I realized that the kids who cut everyone else down are really just lacking in confidence and need to feel better by making fun of others. If possible, feel sorry for them. It's their problem.

Q. My brother says that girls Should only play with dolls, but I don't agree. Do you have any advice?

Heidi Connell
New Bedford, Massachusetts

A. Yes, tell your brother to get a life in the late 20th century. There are male *and* female astronauts, firefighters—you name it! Girls should learn to work with tools and boys should learn how to cook. Kids can play with all kinds of toys. Mention that to your brother and tell him that the ol' ALFer says to get with it.

Q. How do you stay looking so young?

Jennifer Holland
Florence, South Carolina

A. Meticulous grooming, daily baths, countless trips to the salon, endless exercise programs and the spreading of processed cheese on any part of my body that only has one syllable.

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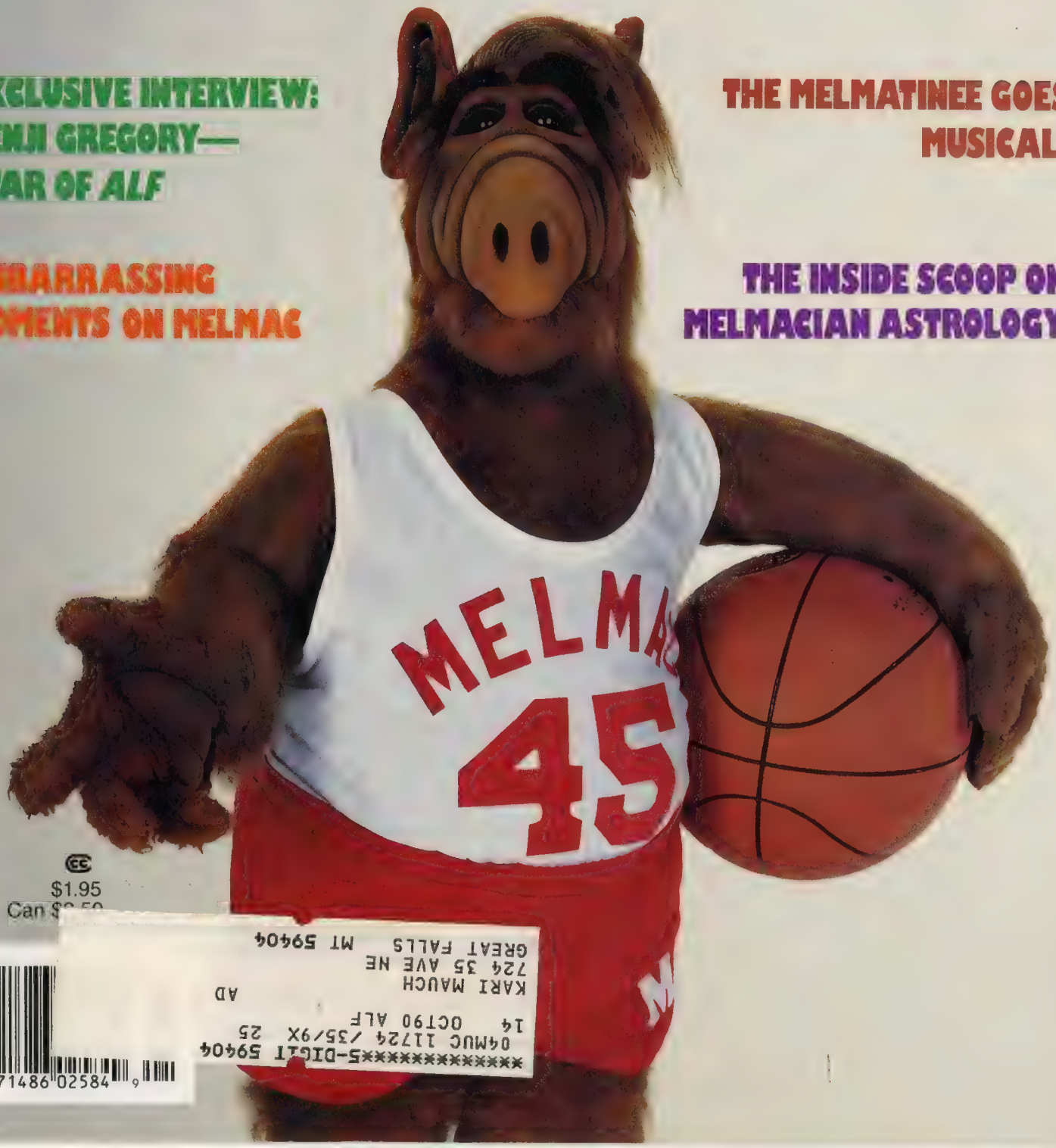

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YO! Welcome to spring! We'll try not to make too many spring jokes, like saying that the fabulous stuff in the issue will really SPRING out at you, or we know you'll just SPRING ahead with all the great stuff there is to do.

First off, some Important Stuff. The ol' ALFer is very aware of how important it is to be concerned about the environment and to protect the world we live in — look what happened to Melmac! He's the official spokesalien for Take Pride in America, an organization that works with different groups who are involved in helping to preserve this country's natural resources. If you want to help, write to: Take Pride in America, P.O. Box 1339, Jessup, Maryland 20794. Or call 1-800-446-4ALF, and you'll get information on how you can help.

And don't forget Earth Day on April 22. Wear green, and let people know you're part of the effort to help protect the environment.

By the way, this is one totally fantastic issue. You'll meet Benji Gregory, who stars on "ALF," you'll find out how to eat your words, and you'll discover some wacky vegetable facts, among other stuff.

Now, for more Really Important Issues. There's that little matter of the sweepstakes winners from our latest contest. We hid five footballs in the pages of our fall issue, and these eagle-eyed ALFies found them. So here are the 15 winners of a fabulous ALF key ring from Russ Berrie and Company, Inc. Congratulations!

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Your magazine is super. Your jokes are funny. Your notebook in the fall issue was neat! Keep up the good work.

Rachel Miller
Clinton, Pennsylvania

Dear ALF,

I love your shows. We have a cat, but you wouldn't want to eat her because she's mean. She hates everybody but my Gram. She hisses and bites. She'd probably scratch up your belly.

Breda Teyssier
Freedom, Pennsylvania

Dear ALF,

I watch your show on Mondays and Saturdays. I wish you were my brother so you could do my homework. I love your girlfriend's name (Rhonda).

P.S. If you're in Las Vegas, come and see me.

Terina Kittle
Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear ALF,

My name is Heather Lantay. I am 11 years old. I have blonde hair and blue eyes. I'm in the sixth grade at Newport Elementary School. I like to watch TV, go swimming, and ride my bike. I get ALF Magazine and I like it very much. I am a fan of yours. One time I saw you on "Hollywood Squares" And I thought you were very funny.

Heather Lantay
Newport, Maine

Dear ALF,

My name is Polly Kerr. You have the best stories and cartoons. I love you, ALF! I love your brown fur and your sense of humor. Sorry, ALF, but if you come to my house, you can't eat my cats.

Polly Kerr
Cherry Tree, Pennsylvania

Dear ALF,

I really liked the Bouillabaseball Cards in the summer issue. I also love when you say, "Ha! I kill me!" Your magazine is great. My favorite part is "Big Yuks." I draw pictures of you all the time.

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- Is pizza your favorite food? You're not alone. Americans eat 75 acres of it every day! If you're having trouble figuring out how much that is, it's enough pizza to cover 60 football fields. Touchdown!

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WATCH IT!

If you're like most people, you probably wear your watch on your wrist. But why be like most people? Try looping your watch around your belt. Or wear it on your ankle! (Friends may wonder why you crouch down when they ask you the time, but that's their problem.) Also look for watches on rings and necklaces. What a time you'll have!

Pick a Patch

When your elbows and knees start to peek through your sweaters and jeans, don't reach for a boring old patch. Instead, get yourself a really groovy piece of fabric to cover those holes. (You may need some help sewing it on.) It will look "sew" great!

BABY TALK

What are earthlings called when they're little? (Besides cutie pie.) You got it — babies! On Melmac, young Melmacians are called flugelettes (we're not here to explain, just report). But earth animals are a whole other story. We're presenting some of the more interesting animal-baby names to brighten your day. But here's the catch: you have to match the correct adult and baby names. Go to it!

Adult	Baby
Partridge	Elver
Eel	Joey
Fish	Leveret
Kangaroo	Sprag
Codfish	Cheeper
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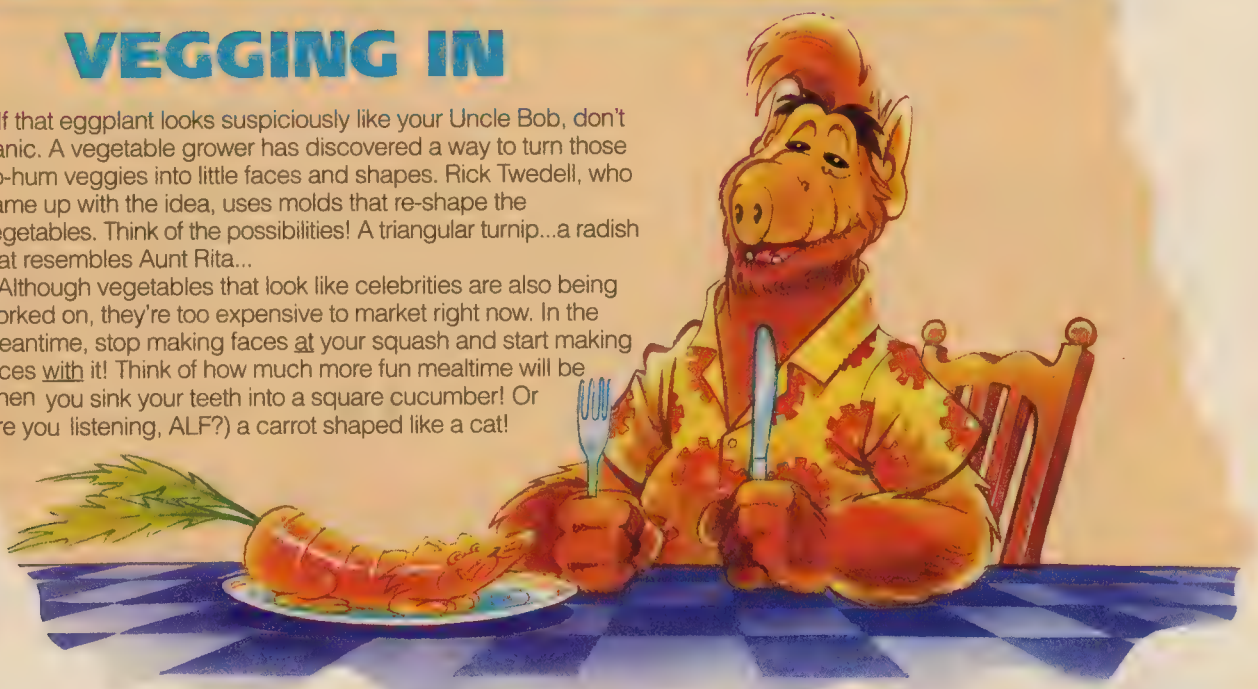

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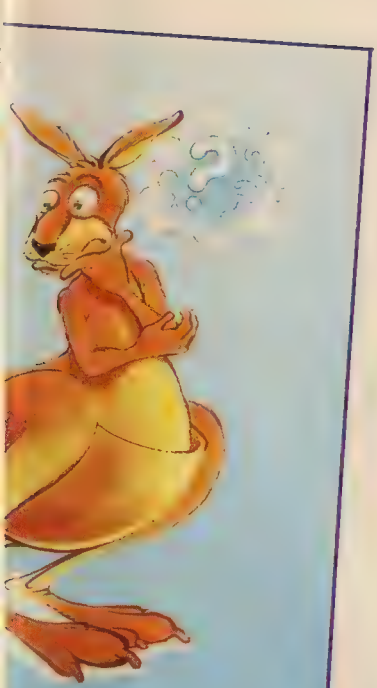
1. Pick an object that isn't overused. Some suggestions: a turkey, a head of cabbage, a 1973 chrome bumper.

2. Find as many pieces of clothing as possible with this object on them.

3. When this proves to be difficult, draw this object on pieces of paper, or buy replicas of it, if you can find a hatband that sports a 1973 chrome fender. Attach to your clothes, lunchbox, notebook, and other important objects (check this out with the grownups first).

4. When people comment on your clothes, make remarks like, "Oh, anyone who's anyone is wearing chrome fenders this year." Tell everyone that this object is the latest rage.

5. Sit back and smile when everyone else frantically rushes out to find turkey/cabbage/fender items. You trendsetter, you!



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WHAT'S COOKING AT THE Cat-Sup Diner

EAT YOUR WORDS!

MUNCH YOUR WAY THROUGH THE ALPHABET WITH THESE TASTY TREATS!

Ever get a hankering for something tasty like...the letter Q? What about a nice juicy "R"? With these recipes, you'll be able to eat your way through your pet's name, your best friend's initials or every word of New Kids on the Block! So start cooking, and start spelling!
P.S. Make sure that a grown-up helps you with these recipes.

Lick-Your-Lips Letter Cookies

Preheat the oven to 350°.
For the cookies:
1 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/3 cup superfine sugar
1/2 stick softened butter or margarine
1 egg
a few drops of vanilla extract
Mix the flour, sugar and butter in a bowl. Add the egg and a few drops of vanilla extract.

Grease a baking sheet.
On a floured surface, roll out the dough with a rolling pin till it's about 1/2 inch thick.
Using a small knife (please make sure an adult is present), cut out the letters of your choice.
Arrange the letters on a tray. Put the tray in the oven and bake the cookies for 10 minutes. Then take the tray out. Let the cookies cool for about 15 minutes.
Now, make a word. Try your sister's name in Pig Latin. Try your luck with Bletskamalian.
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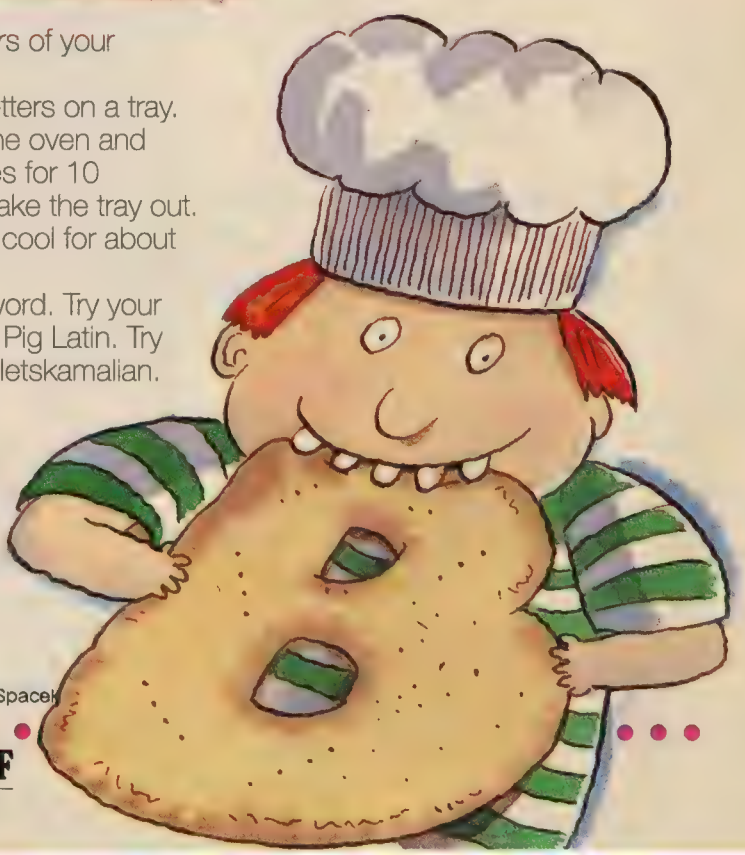

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Penmanship Pancakes

You'll need:
2/3 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. sugar
1 egg, beaten
2/3 cup milk
2 tbs. cooking oil (you can also use melted butter or margarine)

Mix all the dry ingredients in a large bowl.

Mix the egg, milk, and oil or butter in a separate bowl. Then add that mixture to the flour mixture.

Blend all the ingredients together gently, using a big spoon. Let the batter stand.

Grease a large skillet with some margarine. Turn on a low flame underneath. Test to see if it's ready by letting some drops of water fall in the pan. When the water sizzles and bounces, the griddle is ready for cooking.

Stir the batter, and pour it into a measuring cup or a cup with a lip. Pour the batter slowly into the pan, forming shapes and letters. Try your initials. Try your sister's.Cook the pancake on one side for about 2 minutes, or until the pancakes have tiny bubbles and the edges look dry.

Flip the pancakes over with a pancake turner and cook for about 1-2 minutes on the other side.

For a really cool treat, write your name or your initials backwards with the batter. Let the letters cook until they're almost done. Then, pour a big circle of batter over the letters. When you flip the pancake, your name will appear on top. HA! I eat me!

Other ways to eat your words:

Use frosting to spell out messages on cookies and cakes. Use the raisins in your hot cereal to write the date. Cut sandwiches in the shape of a "T" (for terrific). So say wow to words — especially when they're on your plate!

Your Horoscope on M·E·L·M·A·C

Like Earth, Melmac has zodiac signs and horoscopes. Their zodiac signs are named after the object that the constellation most closely resembles. (Like Earth's Taurus is named after a bull.) Here is what your horoscope would be for the month of Kilmer if you lived on Melmac.

"FRITZ The Tuna" [Harble 20 to Tarble 18]

You are a calm person who feels a kinship to wool. Don't sign any new deals with spaceship repairmen! Don't trust men named Nancy! This is a good month to learn how to climb a tree and laugh at fried rice. Also sharing your sign: Some lawyer named Wally.

"WILBUR The Small Clump of Wheat" [Tarble 19 to Gorruf 20]

You and your fellow Wilburians enjoy laughter and a truly fine bean dip. Get ready for a very boring month. The moon is in the seventh house. But, unfortunately, it's putting up sheet rock in the attic like it did in the other six houses. Also sharing your sign: Rob, Reb, and the Feshtort Twins.

"ALBERT The Giant Rodent" [Gorruf 21 to Kilmer 19]

Albertians are usually quite witty, but know little about special effects. Take this month to name your furniture after great barbers from the past. Cheese puffs play an important role at bath time. Also sharing your sign: Perry Fud, the inventor of sap.

"MENDAL The Lump" [Kilmer 20 to Gagg 20]

You're basically shy and carry a faint smell of toast. Use the phrase, "I'm dancing with the mighty squirrel!" as often as possible this month. Slowly you'll realize that no one really cares if Jimmy cracked corn. Also sharing your sign: Your neighbor, Vern.

"STINKY The Cheese Log" [Gagg 21 to Orring 21]

On the whole, Stinkniks enjoy old movies and sharing major appliances. Good things come to those who use the word "cork" properly. This is a good month for romance, as long as you don't fall in love with your teacher's lawn tractor. Also sharing your sign: Mr. Stiffy's wife, Ike.

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"ANSEL The Short Squiggley Thing" [Orring 22 to Barp 22]

Anselians enjoy smiling, a good laugh, and wearing beef bi-products. It is not a wise move, this month, to get caught striking a bargain with parrots. Remember, he or she who laughs last probably didn't get the joke. Also sharing your sign: Unst Crandle, fish repairman.

"WINNIE The Cup of Lint" [Barp 23 to Twangle 22]

Most Winniettes enjoy worrying about ink. Melmacians born under this sign are destined to become pitted prunes by the year 2056. This month, the best things to do are reading books and/or mailing wood to loved ones. Also sharing your sign: Two guys named Pudge.

"BUD The Chicken Salad Sandwich" [Twangle 23 to Fanfan 22]

Budnoids always get a thrill out of living on the edge and painting foam. This is an important time for you to remember the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water but you shouldn't pester meat." Also sharing your sign: Boris, the really large foot.

"STAN The Fluffy Sheep" [Fanfan 23 to Nathinganger 22]

You are either sad, but happy, or short but tall. In this special time, it is best to ask family members not to dress like strained beets. Also, keep in mind that all famous Melmacians giggle at wheat. Also sharing your sign: Omar, the quiet one.

"MARSHA The Slip Knot" [Nathinganger 23 to Anerva 21]

You are very giving and can be trusted with any secret that doesn't involve butter. Taking that long-awaited vacation would be a big mistake, because you'd miss the tuna pudding that is coming to visit you at the end of this month. Also sharing your sign: Bouillabaseball great Emile Ack.

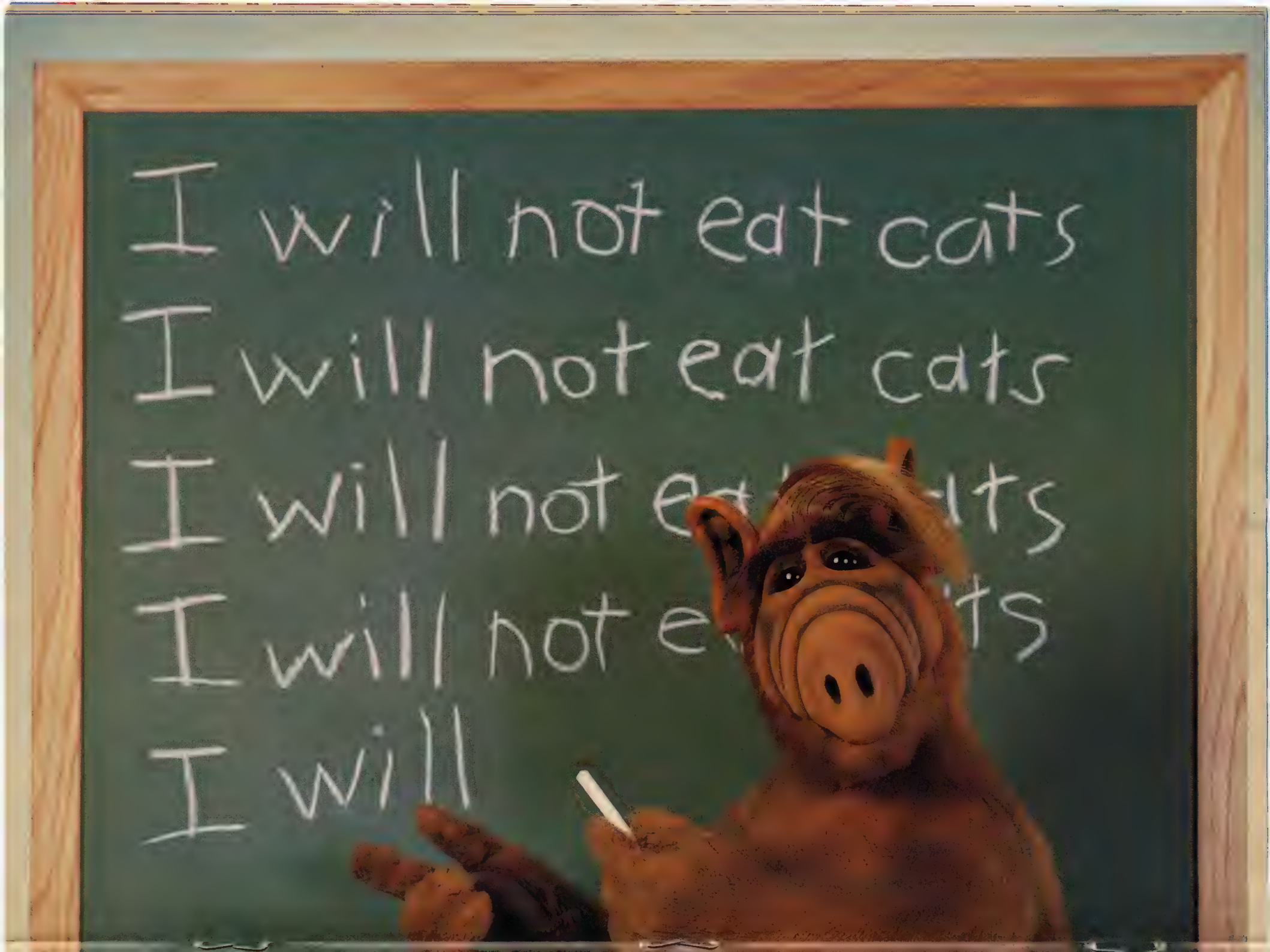
"DEXTER The Haunted Carp" [Anerva 22 to Fibble 21]

You are warm and charming, when you're not being poked with livestock. Now is the time to finish projects that you started before you were born. It is good luck to find the mailman in your garden, singing to fudge. Also sharing your sign: A mechanic named Howard.

"CARMINE & CHOOCH The Twins" [Fibble 22 to Harble 19]

Your bright outlook is your strong point. So is the fact that you can curdle milk at 40 paces. Put domestic matters on the back burner, while you spread ointment on a tailor' named Brad. Travel is a great idea, as long as you're wearing processed ham. Also sharing your sign: Everyone named Woody.

by Richard J Schellbach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BENJI GREGORY BONANZA!

Yo, ALF fans. We know that your favorite Monday-night activity is watching that fabulous series "ALF." So we're mucho pleased to report that we've gotten a super-special interview with 11-year-old Benji Gregory, who stars as Brian Tanner on the show. Get ready to meet you-know-who. We like to think of this interview as a Benj-o-rama!

ALF Magazine (or simply A.M.): Why don't you start off by telling us a little about yourself, Benj-a-roo.

BENJI: Well, I have three brothers and one sister. I really like acting, and I really like being on "ALF."

A.M.: I'm sure that one question all your fans are wondering is, how do you go to school since you work on the show all day?

BENJI: I work on the set with a tutor for three hours a day. I do that for three weeks, and then, when we have a break from the show, (called a hiatus), I go to a regular school for one week out of every month. My favorite subject is math.

A.M.: Here's another Really Important Question. How the heck do you memorize all those lines?

BENJI: A coach comes to the set and goes over them with me. I also learn lines during rehearsal, as we're doing the scenes. If I have a big part, I take the script home to learn my lines.

A.M.: What was one of your favorite episodes of "ALF"? Not that all of them aren't astonishing, amazing, and ALFian.

BENJI: In one episode, Brian, my character, had to be in a school play. I got to dress like an asparagus. That was fun.

A.M.: Well, we can certainly see why, although, personally, we prefer to dress up as spinach leaves. Anyway, what's a typical day on the set like?

BENJI: When I get to the set, I go to school. Then we read through the lines and rehearse. There's a lot of standing around while everyone figures out stuff, like lighting and where people should stand when they do their scenes. Then I go back to school. At the end of the day, we have a run-through of lines.

A.M.: Sort of like when ALF "runs through" a typical meal? Well, what's your favorite part of being on the show?

BENJI: I like being around all the people I work with. I like them all a lot.

A.M.: And now a real toughie. What's the hardest part of the acting life?

BENJI: It's hard to fit school into my schedule. Sometimes I miss going to a regular

I like how he reasons things out. He dresses like me, but he doesn't skateboard or anything. But I think I'd like him if I met him.

A.M.: What advice would you give to other kids who want to be actors?

BENJI: Keep sending out your pictures to agents (people who manage an actor's jobs) and don't give up! I started when I was really little, and I kept going because I really like it.

A.M.: Do you want to keep acting when you're older?

BENJI: Yes, I'd like to make some movies — all kinds.

A.M.: Many thanks, O earthling actor! Sounds like acting is pretty BEN-eficial for you! (HA — we kill us).

So, there you have it, folks! A look into the glitter-filled life of a Hollywood star. It took ALF Magazine to bring you an interview as much fun as a halibut hoedown. Remember, you read it here first!

(Left) Benji and his co-star ALF. (Below) Benji and his TV family.

school. And sometimes I get home late from the set and there's no time to play. And I miss my friends.

A.M.: We know that a well-rounded young man like you must have many interests (although nothing beats bouillabaseball). But what do you do in your free time?

BENJI: Skateboard, mostly. I've been doing it for three years and I'm pretty good. There's a school across the street from my house and I go there to practice. I also like to do magic tricks. I do tricks for my friends. Some day I'd like to perform at parties.

A.M.: So now for a really deep question. What do you think of Brian, your character on the show?

BENJI: I like him pretty much.

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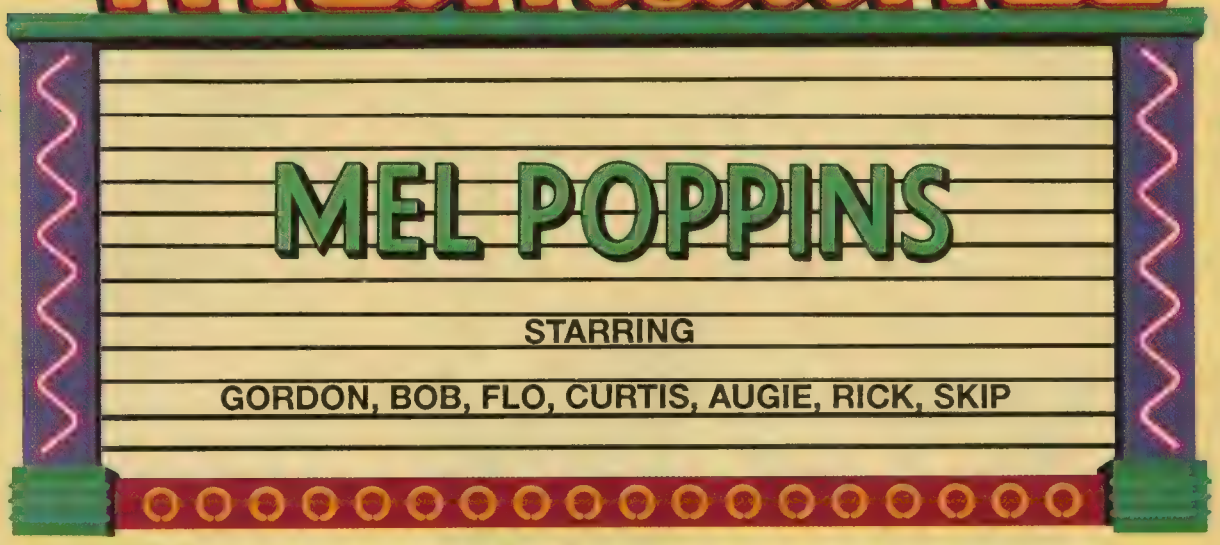

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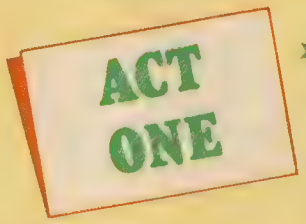
Gordon Shumway (ALF) as Mel Poppins, a magical nanny.
Bob as Mr. Wernix, the stuffy old Dad.
Flo Shumway as Ms. Wernix, the liberated Mom.
Curtis and Augie as Charles and Diana, their kids.
Rick Fusterman as Stan, Mel's friend.
Skip, as Mel's other friend, Dan.
Mr. Snifter (Mr. Wernix's stuffy boss).
Two Investors.
Narrator.



Narrator: We open in the stuffy home of the Wernix family. Charles and Diana chase their latest nanny out of the house by throwing fish parts at her. Ms. Wernix, their liberated mother, runs after her brood.

Ms. Wernix: Children! Stop that at once!
Charles: Aw, Mom, you threw off my split-fingered curve. Now there are fish bones on the couch.
Narrator: Mr. Wernix enters.
Mr. Wernix: What's going on here?
Ms. Wernix: The children chased off another nanny and I'm late for my low-impact class.
Mr. Wernix (angry): That does it! I cannot tolerate your behavior anymore. If you don't change your attitudes, I'll be forced to send you off to Good Behavior Academy.
Diana: Not that! We'll be good.
Charles: It's just that all our nannies have been so mean.
Mr. Wernix: They're only preparing you for the real world. Now, dear, call that nanny agency and get a replacement.
Narrator: The next day, a hundred mean-looking nannies show up at the door. Suddenly, a wind comes up, blowing in a strange-looking fellow holding up an umbrella—the magical nanny MEL POPPINS! The same wind blows the other nannies away. Mel lands at the doorstep and bursts into song:

MEL-MAC-IDEE
(to the tune of "Chim-Chim-Cheree")
Mel-mac-idee, mel-mac-idee, mel-mac-adoo,
A nanny's job's what they sent me to do.
Mel-mac-idee, mel-mac-idee, mel-mac-a-day--
I don't ask for money, roast tabby's my pay.
Or throw in some whiskers, I like them too!

Narrator: Ms. Wernix comes out to see who's singing.
Mel: Hello, Ms. Wernix. Mel Poppins is the name. I'm your new nanny, though I must say you look a bit old to be needing my services.
Ms. Wernix: No, no, we need one for the children. Uh, excuse me.
Narrator: She looks up and down the street.
Mel: Something wrong?

by Alicia Schudt-Schechter

Ms. Wernix: It's just that I expected a woman. Several women, in fact.
Mel: And you call yourself liberated?
Ms. Wernix (embarrassed): Uhh, won't you come in?
Narrator: Mel enters the Wernix house. The children come down the stairs.

Ms. Wernix: Children, meet Mel, your new nanny.
Charles: But you're a guy!
Diana: How can we set fire to your petticoats?
Mel: You won't want to.
Diana: Oh, we will. We hate nannies.
Narrator: Mr. Wernix enters with a checklist.
Mr. Wernix: Where's the new nanny?
Mel: Right here, and if you make a sexist remark, I'm leaving!
Mr. Wernix: No time for remarks. My children are on a tight schedule, and I expect you to follow it as well. At 0700 hours, they wake up, scrub their fur and buff their toenails. 0705, they march to a breakfast of scrambled spores and trout. At 0710, they do calisthenics, then it's study, study, study from 0715 until 1200. A quick break for lunch, then back to the books till dinner, then off to bed.
Mel: When do they have fun?
Mr. Wernix: There's no time for fun in my house. I want my children to grow up just like me.
Mel: Oh. Well, come on kids! It's never too soon to start learning how to be a grump!
Narrator: The children groan and follow their new nanny upstairs. But once inside their room, Mel shuts the door and starts unpacking wonderful toys from his tiny briefcase.
Mel: You're kids and you should have fun! Come on, let's play pin the tail on the tabby.
Diana (to Charles): What's this guy up to?
Mel: Don't be afraid. I'm a fun kind of nanny.
Narrator: With that, he bursts into another verse of "Mel-mac-idee":

MEL-MAC-IDEE (reprise)
Mel-mac-idee, mel-mac-idee,
mel-mac-aday,
I'll be your fun meister till I go away,
Mel-mac-idee, mel-mac-idee,
mel-mac-adoo,
You'll see you can learn stuff while having fun, too.
But don't forget my cat chops,
'cause I need fun, too.

Diana: But our father won't let us play.
Mel: OK then, let's try something else. I'll take you on a field trip!
Narrator: Mel opens up his umbrella in the room.
Charles: That's bad luck!
Mel: Not for me. I know people. Hang on!
Narrator: The kids grab Mel's coattails and fly out the window to a park, where Mel's two best friends Stan and Dan are drawing chalk outlines on the sidewalk.
Stan: Y-y-yo! M-m-el!
Dan: Hey, man, you got kids dangling from your coattails.
Mel: Yeah, I know. I'm their new nanny. I hope you guys have drawn us someplace fun to visit!
Stan: How about the candy stand at the Bouillabaseball stadium?
Narrator: Mel leads the children to Stan and Dan's drawing of the stadium. With a wink, Mel walks right into the picture itself and becomes part

of it! He reaches out and pulls the children after him. Stan and Dan follow. They all romp around the various candy stands, pigging out in a big dance number which you can't see since this is a magazine, but if you're putting on the musical yourself, here's a chance to try a little choreography. After they've stuffed themselves with candy, they notice a huge all-you-can-eat cheese bar up ahead.

Mel: Hope you saved room for the magical cheese bar!

Charles: I love cheese—but it's loaded with cholesterol!

Diana: Oh, lighten up.

Charles: Not if I eat a lot of cheese, I won't!

Diana: You sound like dad.

Mel: Wait—before you gorge that gouda, you have to sing the Cheese Song!

SUPERGOUDACHEDDARMUENSTERJARLSBERGBRIEANDSWISSCHEESE
(to the tune of "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious")
Supergoudacheddarmuensterjarlsbergbrieandswisscheese,
Even though it twists the tongue, it hits the gut with ease,
If you say it loud enough you'll never get the hungries,
Supergoudacheddarmuensterjarlsbergbrieandswisscheese...

Narrator: After tasting every kind of cheese imaginable, our heroes are stuffed. And it's just as well, since a rainstorm starts to wash away the drawing. Mel puts up his umbrella and he and his friends escape the drawing just in time! Mel drops Stan and Dan off and hurries the children home, where their parents have been worried sick. Mel and the children appear at the top of the stairs.

Ms. Wernix: Look,dear, the children were up in their room after all.

Mr. Wernix: Something strange is going on here. Charles! Did you study your mel-calculus?

Charles: Y-y-es, sir.

Mr. Wernix: What's the square root of a blowfish?

Charles: Ah...ah...achoo!

Ms. Wernix: Oh, no, he's caught a cold up there!

Mel: Don't worry, I'll take care of this.

Mr. Wernix: You've done enough already. I suspect you snuck these children outside in the rain. Put them to bed and give them phlegm liver oil.

Charles and Diana: Eeughh!

Narrator: Mel quietly leads the children up to their room. They are still sneezing, and Mel pours out the yucchy medicine.

Diana: No, Mel! It's gross!

Charles: Can't we just heal holistically?

Mel: Back where I come from, we have a little song that makes this stuff taste just like tabby and fries!

A HANDFUL OF SLUGSLIME
(to the tune of "A Spoonful of Sugar")
Just a handful of slugslime makes the phlegm oil go down,
Phlegm oil go down, Phlegm oil go down,
Just a handful of slugslime makes the phlegm oil go down,
In the most disgusting way-y-y!

Narrator: The children join in and take their medicine. Mel tucks them into bed and tiptoes off.

ACT TWO

Narrator: The next morning, the kids get out of bed.

Charles (excited): Come on! Let's go see Mel!

Diana: I wonder what he has planned for today?

Narrator: When they come to the breakfast table, Mel is nowhere to be found.

Ms. Wernix: We gave him the day off.

Mr. Wernix: Today you're going on a field trip with me—to the vault where I work! It's time you learned about finance. I'm giving you each a pepoon, and you're going to take it to the vault to invest it.

Charles: But Mel said the value of a pepoon has dropped substantially with inflation and we'd be better off feeding smulkbirds with it.

Mr. Wernix: Remind me to have a talk with your nanny. Now, come along!

Narrator: The children reluctantly go with their father to his office, a bank vault full of people even stuffier than he is. Mr. Wernix's boss, Mr. Snifter, reaches for the children's pepoons.

Charles and Diana: No!

Mr. Snifter: What's the meaning of this, Wernix?

Mr. Wernix: Heh-heh—they're a little tight-fisted with their money. I taught them well! Come on, children. Be good little mammals, and let Mr.

Snifter invest it for you.
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Narrator: Panic strikes and everybody makes a run on the vault to take their money out and feed birds.
Mr. Snifter: You're fired, Wernix! And take those rotten kids with you!
Charles: Oh, no!
Diana: Good Behaviour Academy—here we come!
Charles: Not if I can help it!
Narrator: The kids run outside. They aren't used to that part of town, and quickly get lost. Soon night falls.
Charles: It's dark....
Diana: And creepy....
Charles: Maybe if we sing we'd feel better.
Diana: I doubt it. But this is a musical, so what the hey....
Narrator: They nervously sing the cheese song...
Charles and Diana: *Supergoudacheddarmuensterjarlsbergbrieandswisscheese...*
Narrator: They bump into two shadowy figures in the dark and SCREAM! But it's their new friends Stan and Dan.
Dan: I thought I recognized that song.
Stan: Where's M-mel?
Charles: It's his day off, and our father took us to the vault where there was a riot and I think we caused it and he got fired...
Dan: A riot in the vault? I better call my broker.
Stan: Later. We have to get these kids home.
Narrator: Unseen by them all, Mel hovers overhead. He lands in front of them.
Mel: I take one day off and you start a riot? I said you should have fun—but that's ridiculous!
Diana: We got our father fired, Mel. I think he's mad at us.
Mel: Let me talk to him. There are other vaults, other jobs. But he's so stuffy, he's letting life pass him by.

Narrator: When they get home, Ms. Wernix is concerned—Mr. Wernix hasn't come home yet.
Diana: He's out signing us up for Good Behavior Academy. I just know it!
Ms. Wernix: How did you get home?
Charles: Mel brought us, didn't you Mel? Mel?
Diana: He's gone!
Narrator: Mel has disappeared. He materializes back in the vault where Mr. Wernix and Mr. Snifter are having a discussion. (They can't see Mel.)
Mr. Snifter: Wernix? What are you doing here? I fired you hours ago!
Mel: Tell him to go eat a cat!
Mr. Wernix: Oh, go eat a cat! What am I saying?
Mel: Good for you! Tell him he's nothing but a stuffy old flern!
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Mel: Now you're talking!
Mr. Snifter: Get out of my vault! I'll see to it you never touch money again!
Mel: Tell him there are more important things in life, like your family, and fun, and giving a raise to that nanny of yours...
Mr. Wernix: There are more important things in life—like becoming a musical comedy star, my new goal!
Narrator: And the deliriously happy Mr. Wernix skips out of the vault, belting out the following song:

LET'S GO EAT A CAT
(to the tune of "Let's Go Fly a Kite")
Let's go eat a cat,
Find one that's big and fat,
Let's go eat a cat,
Then cough up furballs!
Up in a shady tree
Climbs the dinner for me,
Let's go eat a cat,
And spit out whiskers!

Narrator: As Mel watches overhead, Mr. Wernix skips home, hugs and kisses his wife and family, and all join in singing the song. Mel smiles, knowing his work there is done. He aims his umbrella in another direction and is off...

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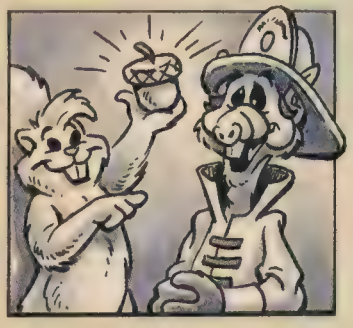

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(9)**Mr. Sticky, The Little Fireman**—Children; 90 min.(CC) Today's guests are Mr. Squirrel and a man who makes oat bran with his legs.

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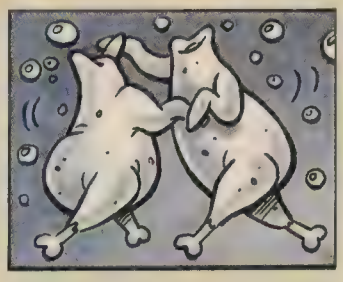

(14)**Waltzing With Meat**—Instruction; 60 min.(CC)

(26)**MOVIE—"The Days Of Peas And Halibut"**(1970) Musical; 1 hr., 36 min.(CC) Brewster Twink's stunning opus of life on Melmac's lower east side. Award-winner Buster Goobs, in his finest performance, stars as a block of wood.

7:00 PM

(1)**Things That Ooze And Drip**—Science; 30 min. (CC) Host Melvin Melch shows how some shrimp can be taught to alter suits. Other segments include: why goats can't spit.

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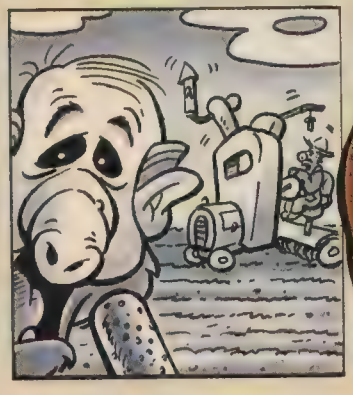

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Space Sights

When ALF was traveling from Melmac to Earth, he saw a lot of interesting sights flash by him in the solar system. Can you find the things he saw, which are listed below? They're hidden forward, backward, upside down, and diagonally. When you've found all the hidden words, take the unused letters from the puzzle and put them in order (left to right, top line to bottom line) in the blank spaces below to see what ALF spoke as he stepped out of his spaceship.

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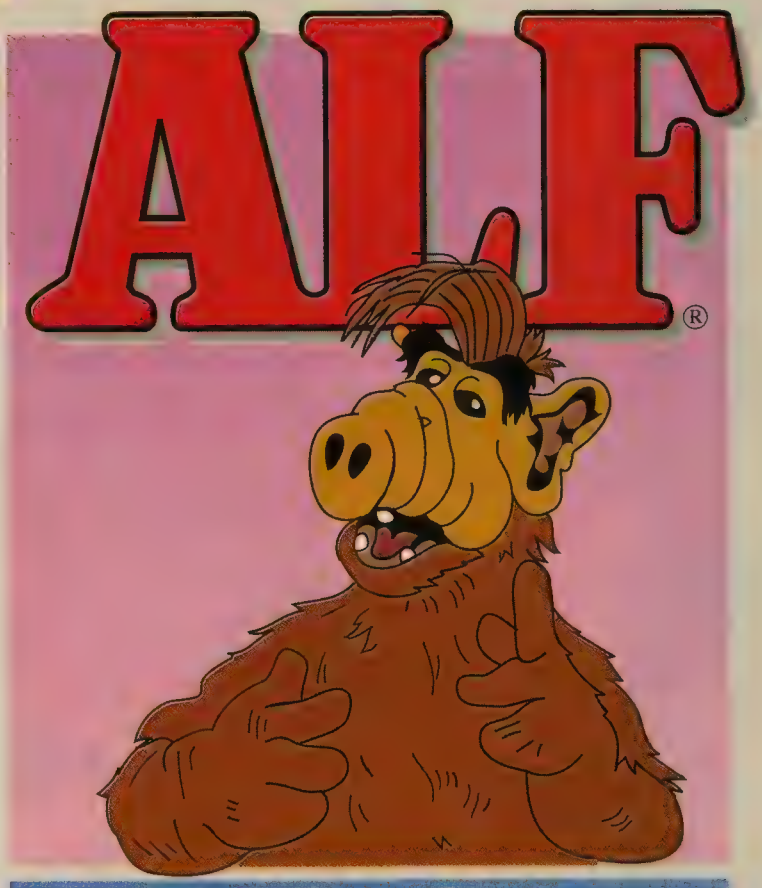

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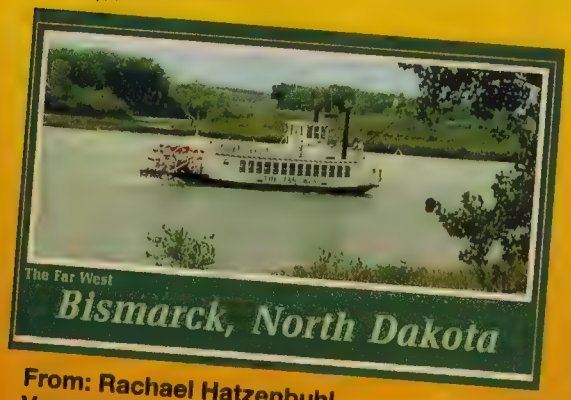
Postcard Parade

Greetings, travelers! In the summer of '89, ALF asked you guys to send us postcards from your vacations. And boy, did you! We got postcards from Tuscaloosa and Tacoma, Cape May and Cape Canaveral. He asked you to tell us where you went, what you did, and, what you ate. (ALF was very impressed. Melmacians send small clumps of dirt from the places they visit.)

From: Dolores, Richard, Heather and Nicholas Schaeffer
Vacation: Virginia Beach, Virginia
"Hey ALFer,
We went to Virginia Beach. We saw sea gulls and pelicans. We ate pizza and hamburgers."
Well, that sure beats eating sea gulls and pelicans and looking at pizza and hamburgers! Looks like you spent most of your time fighting for a spot on the beach! Hope you weren't forced to sit in an empty blue garbage can!

From: Gretchen Andes
Vacation: Cape May, New Jersey
"Yo, ALF,
I was going to send you a cat, but I didn't know what to pack it in. We went to the beach yesterday. The rest of the week it rained."
On Melmac, people like to have it rain when they go on vacation. That way, they can play with their automatic tilefish dispensers, which only work when it's raining very hard.



From: Rachael Hatzenbuhl
Vacation: Bismarck, North Dakota
"Dear ALF,
I'm on vacation at Lake Sakakawea. I ate steak, pizza burgers, hamburgers, sandwiches, chips, bacon, eggs, toast donuts, and cereal."
Gosh, we hope that wasn't all at one meal! Although ALF thinks that chips, bacon and cereal mixed together may be a great new taste treat.

From: Mike
Vacation: Durango, Colorado
"Dear ALF,
I went to this train in Durango, but did not ride on it. I had fun anyway."
ALF says the train looks exactly like a Melmacian intergalactic space swooper. It made him homesick.

Hey guys! Do you have any wacky and weird pets? Send us some cool pictures of your pet, or you with your pet, or your pets with each other. Include a little note, and maybe, just maybe, we'll print some of 'em. Send them to: ALF Photos, Welsh Publishing Group, 300 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your picture returned.

From: Robyn Sellers
Vacation: Salt Lake City, Utah
"Hey there, ALF,
We went to the Rainbow Bridge at Lake Powell...My uncle ate pickled food. He says eating hot junk wakes up his face. I got to have gross bacon every morning. I drank orange juice, water, and soda pop. Next year, why don't you come with us?"
Well, uh, ALF says that certainly is a tempting offer, especially with the gross bacon and all, but he suddenly seems to be booked for the next few decades.

Grocery Guesswork

Oops! ALF wrote out the Tanner's grocery list, but he wasn't paying attention, and the words came out scrambled. Help Willie unscramble them so he can go shopping. When you're done, read the letters in the colored boxes to find one of ALF's favorite expressions.

1. These bring tears to your eyes. **SNOONI** _ _ _ _ _ _
2. These have eyes but can't see. **STETOAPO** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. These look like little trees. **LOCIRCOB** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
4. These look like hard, tan donuts. **GLEBAS** _ _ _ _ _ _
5. This goes well with milk. **LEECRA** _ _ _ _ _ _
6. You put this on a hot dog. **DRASTUM** _ _ _ _ _ _ _

EXPRESSION: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

ANSWERS: ONIONS, POTATOES, BROCCOLI, BAGELS, CEREAL, MUSTARD
EXPRESSION: NO PROBLEM

Now, for the first time anywhere, you can read about the most embarrassing moments of Bob, Flo, Augie, Curtis, Rhonda, Skip, Rick and, yes, even Gordon.

MY MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

BOB [Gordon's Dad]

"My most embarrassing moment? How'd you like to come home and find that your oldest son has tie-dyed his brother and sister's hair on the day of the school play? You bet I was embarrassed, sitting in the auditorium with my wife and two tie-dyed children, watching Gordon play the lead in "Cat on a Hot Microwave Dish." At least if it had been around Halloween, Augie and Curtis might have walked away with Best Costume."

CURTIS [Gordon's Brother]

"My most embarrassing moment was when my big brother was baby-sitting for me and he made popcorn for the first time. He put too much in and ended up with 67 pounds. Of course, all that popcorn made it tough for the firemen to get into the house. Oh, well, Dad never was happy with the way the kitchen was decorated, anyway."

FLO [Gordon's Mom]

"I'll never forget the time that Gordon accidentally left a tube of glue in the bathtub. Well, needless to say, I spent a long time in the tub before my husband finally found a glue dissolver and got me out. I guess I wouldn't have been so embarrassed if I didn't have to host Augie's birthday party in the bathroom, wearing a towel."

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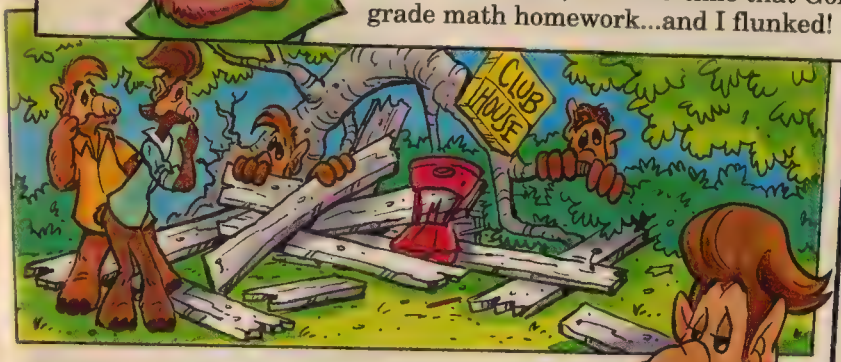
AUGIE [Gordon's Sister]

"It's a toss-up between having mom throw a birthday party for me in the bathroom, and the time that Gordon helped me with my first grade math homework...and I flunked! My brother is a dope!"



SKIP [Gordon's Best Friend]

"I'll never forget the time that Gordon and I built our first tree fort. Gordon designed the whole thing. It was great, inside. We had furniture and other neat stuff. Too bad ol' Gordo forgot to secure it to the tree. The day we invited our dads up to see the job we did, a strong wind came along and...well, dad hasn't been able to watusi since."

RICK [Gordon's Other Best Friend]

"One time Gordon dressed up as the superhero Captain Booger. I played his trusty sidekick, Sanchez. We were crawling through some shrubs, pretending to sneak up on the bad guy's hideout. We got our capes caught on thorns, and we were stuck in the bushes until Gordo's dad came along and chopped us out. That's when I realized that I only get embarrassed when I'm with Gordon."

RHONDA [Gordon's Girlfriend]

"The most embarrassing moment of my life—or anybody else's, for that matter—was the night Gordon took me to the senior prom. We pulled up to the front of the school, and as Gordon helped me out of the car, he closed the car door on my gown. How'd you like to get caught standing in front of all your friends in your underwear???"

GORDON "ALF" SHUMWAY

"My most embarrassing moment was about a half hour ago when I found out that this article was going to be in ALF Magazine! Yikes, talk about being embarrassed!"

OFFICIAL MELMACTIVITY

Code Overload

Gordon is suffering from that common Melmacian illness, a "head code." Everything he says comes out in code! Use the clues in the pictures to help heal Gordon. Write the names of the things Gordon is pointing at in the blanks below each coded word. Each letter in the coded word stands for the letter in the actual word. Once you've figured out each coded word, put the letters in the decoder bar. (We did one to get you started.) Then see if you can figure out the code. When you have, decode Gordon's message! (Hint: If you decode it, Gordon will *get back* to normal.)

Illustrations by Dick Codor

DECODER BAR

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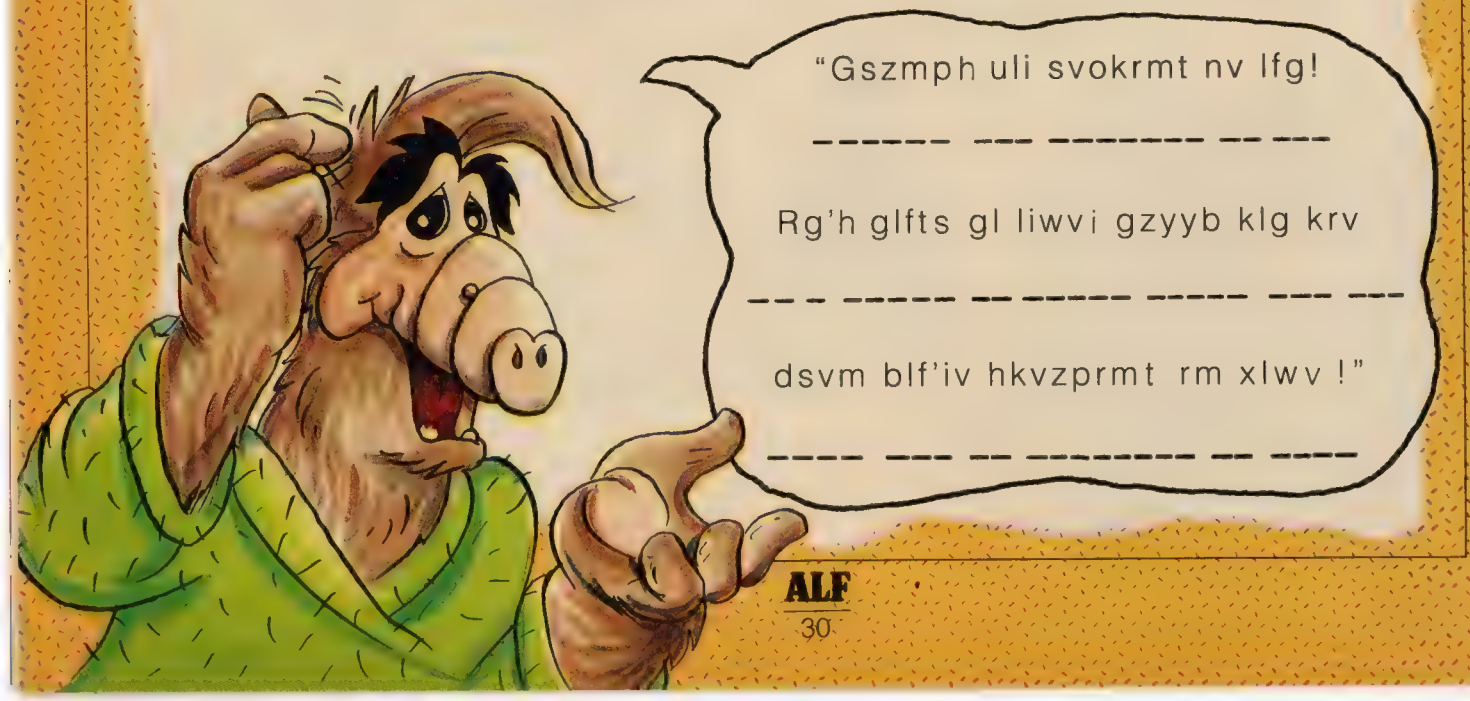

Answer: "Thanks for helping me out. It's tough to order tabby pot-pie when you're speaking in code!"

BIG YUKS!

THIGH-SLAPPING, SIDE-SPLITTING, GUT-BUSTING JOKES... WE HOPE!

If a butcher is six feet tall and wears a size 11 shoe, what does he weigh?
Meat, of course!

Where do trees go on Saturday night?
To a lumber party!

What kind of animals can jump higher than a tree?
All kinds. Trees can't jump.

BIG YUKS SPOTLIGHT

Where does a sick boat go?
To the doc(k)!

Thanks to Christy Courter of Arlington Heights, Illinois, for her joke.

What do you get if you cross two ducks and a cow?
Quackers and milk.

What goes "Tick-tick, woof-woof"?
A watch dog.

How do you make an elephant stew?
Keep him waiting for two hours.

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ASK ALF

Q. Do they take showers on Melmac?
Tami Horetski
Port Austin, MI

A. Tami, I'm part of a race of creatures with large noses and a great sense of smell. You'd better believe they take showers on Melmac!

Q. My name is Cecelia Salazar. What would my Melmacian name be?

Cecelia Salazar
Las Vegas, NV

A. This is a tough one, but I'm pretty sure your Melmacian name would be Fritz "the Pigeon" Podkin. Personally, I think Cecelia is a lot cuter!

Q. I just moved and I miss my friends. I don't know anybody around here. There are some kids, but I'm scared to say anything to them. What should I do?
Khristen Coppola
Law, MA

A. Boy, do I know how you feel! I didn't just come from another neighborhood or state—I came from another planet! The most important thing to remember is not to be scared to talk to new kids. Tell someone you like her dress or ask for help with a homework assignment. Get involved in school or community activities so you'll be with people who share your interests. Make yourself get involved—and soon you'll be making friends!

Q. I like this girl in my class named Angela, and I'm afraid to tell her. What should I do?

Jordie Detchon
Lloydminster,
Alberta, Canada

A. Yo Jordster! On Melmac, if you like a girl but are too shy to tell her, it's customary to spell her name out in month-old luncheon meat across her front lawn. Of course, that can be a little messy, so I'd suggest you try more conventional means, such as talking to her a little bit more than usual. If she doesn't feel the same about you, I'm sure she'll be flattered anyway, and I'll be very impressed that you got up the nerve to do it! I promise, after the seventh or eighth thousandth time you've approached a girl, it gets easier (just kidding).

Q. What would I have to do to hit a home run and how many bases are there in bouillabaseball?
Jonathon Marino
Freemont, CA

A. Jonathon-meister, to hit a home run, you'd have to lob part of a fish—usually the head—into a large net with fur on it. Then you'd have to dance on one foot and sing a song called "I Hit a Home Run and My Nose Hair is Blue!" There are five bouillabaseball bases: home plate, first base, second base, third base and missile base. For more bouillabaseball rules, check out the Summer 1989 issue of ALF Magazine.

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THE MONSTER'S COMING! HE LOOKS HUNGRY!
MAYBE I CAN HELP!
HONEY
WITH THE TASTE, OF HONEY & NUTS.
Honey Nut Cheerios
WHAT CAN YOU DO?
TEMPT HIS TUMMY!
HONEY AND NUTS!
TRY 'EM!
DELICIOUS!
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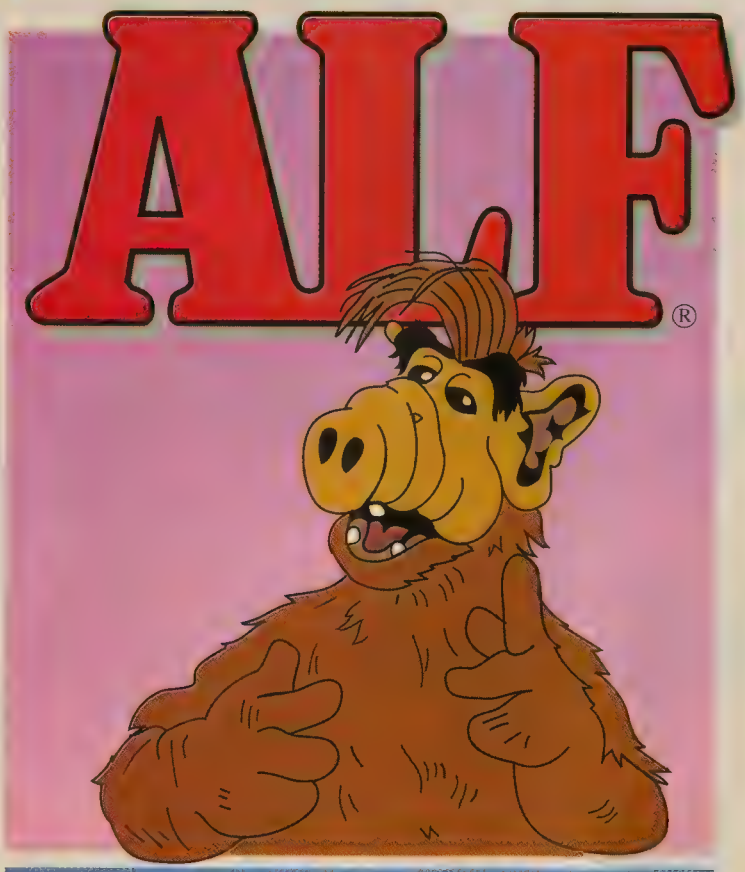

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GIMME FOUR!

Greetings, ALFmeisters!

It's summer! YEAY! We know that this is the season you wait for all year long. It's a time for swimming, hanging out with your friends, and making faces at pickles (if you happen to live on Melmac, or if you happen to live on Earth and just happen to have unusual habits) . In between, you'll have plenty of time to read the latest issue of ALF.

We've got some groovy stuff for you. If you've ever wanted to play with your food, just read the fab recipes for edible food sculptures (gee, won't mom be pleased).

We've also got special inside looks at Gordon's private letters from camp, a cool Melmacian theme park, and, in the Melmatinee, a glimpse at small-town life on Melmac.

In the last issue, we told you how important it is to think about ways to protect the environment. Well, this time around, we have actual suggestions. So read them, and then try to follow them! You really *can* make a difference.

We'd also like to take this time to say how great you guys are. We love reading your letters and hearing about all the stuff you'd like to see in ALF, and about all the stuff you like that you've read in ALF. So keep on writing!

Be cool, gang, even though it's hot. True ALFies are up to the task!

And now, our favorite part. HAVE A HOOT! (That makes it eight hoots and counting!)

ALFectionately,

The Editors

What's Cooking at the Cat-Sup Diner

FOOD SCULPTURE FEVER

Although the gang on Melmac will eat everything that's put in front of them (and that explains where that pair of socks went), even *they* like to put extra zip in their meals once in a while. So Stella has cooked up these fabulous food sculptures made from every-day foods to keep everyone happy. Stop eating plain old carrots and ho-hum pears. Food builders, unite! P.S. As usual, troupers, make sure a grown-up helps out.

Best Bunny Salad

You'll need:
lettuce leaves
4 canned pear halves, chilled
8 raisins
4 cinnamon candies
8 blanched almonds
4 cottage cheese balls (use a tablespoon or an ice cream scoop)

Line a large serving plate with lettuce leaves. Place the pear halves upside down on the plate, with the narrow ends facing the middle. Use the raisins to make eyes (poke them in gently). Place the almonds behind the raisins to make ears. Use the cinnamon candies for noses. As a final touch, place the cottage cheese balls at the round end of the pear to make tails.

Now that you've built a better bunny — dig in!

Ice Cream Clown

You'll need:

Ice cream cones
Ice cream
Raisins
Chocolate chips
Small pieces of chopped up fruit

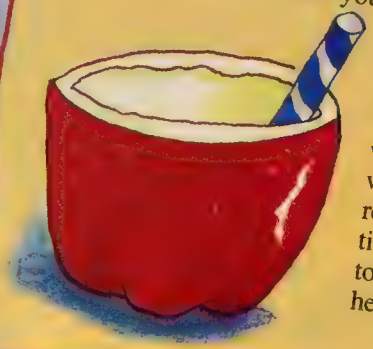
Fill a cone with a scoop of your favorite ice cream and turn it upside-down on a plate. Using the raisins, chocolate chips,and pieces of fruit, make eyes, a nose and a mouth. Now be daring-- eat it from the top down!

Edible Cups

You'll need:
1 apple
fruit juice
OR:
1 green pepper
tomato juice

Slice the top off the apple. Hollow out the fruit with a tablespoon or melon- ball cutter (you may want help with this part). Fill with juice. Now drink and eat away (but be sure you finish drinking first, or you may find your-self with a leaky cup).

Another version: Cut the top off a green pepper. Scoop out the seeds and white pulp. Fill the pepper with tomato juice. Cover with the top until you're ready to drink it. Next time your mom tells you to drink all your juice, tell her you'll eat the cup, too!

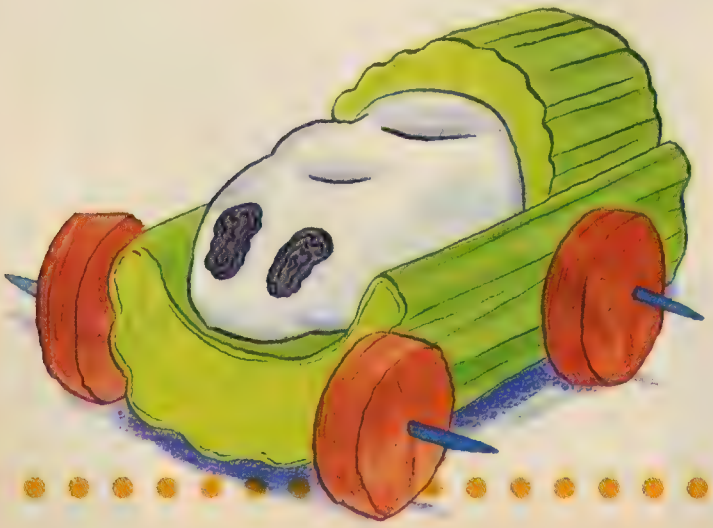


Crunchy Cars

You'll need:

3 whole sticks of celery or 1 red pepper
Peanut butter or cream cheese
Carrot slices
Raisins
Toothpicks

Cut one piece of celery into five pieces and set aside. Cut the other two celery sticks in half. Fill the halves with peanut butter or cream cheese. Place two raisins on one end of each (like eyes) for headlights. Take one of the small pieces of celery and place it, upside down, at one end of your stuffed celery. You can anchor it with a toothpick so it looks like the hood of a car. Take your carrot pieces and attach them, with toothpicks, to the large piece of celery, so that they look like wheels-- put two on each side. They'll really roll! You can also use red pepper instead of celery to make a snazzy racing car. Bet you never thought you'd have a real excuse to play with your food!



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LETTERS FROM EARTHLINGS

Dear ALF,

I think you are so cool! I have two posters of you. I like you a lot, especially on the poster when you were tangled up in the Christmas lights. I also liked you when you and Rhonda were in "Gordeo and Rhondalet."

Athena Hunter
Austin, Texas

Dear ALF,

I hope you live to be one million years old, because I think people in the future should see your shows and read your magazines. You are the greatest alien I've ever seen!

Angelica Cruz
Tacoma, Washington

Dear ALF,

I like getting your magazine. Whenever it comes, I always look at it first before doing anything else. I like your posters. I also like it when you try and eat Lucky. You are a cool dude! My dog watches you, too.

Rae-Lynn Reinbolt
Hemet, California

Dear ALF,

I think you are really cool! I love your magazine. I like your recipe for ironed sandwiches. My favorite page is "Big Yuks!"

Trish Ervin
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear ALF,

I just got my first issue of ALF Magazine. It's so cool! I like the posters. I love the whole magazine. Every Saturday I watch ALF and ALF Tales. I'm 8 years old and I have three cats.

Laura Scarlett
Raynham, Massachusetts

Dear ALF,

I think you're great! I have collected most everything with you on it. I've even drawn pictures of you. I'm 16 years old, and my initials are A.L.F. I'm one of your biggest fans. Keep up the good work!

Aimee Lyn Frazer
Rochester, New York

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FAB FADS

On Melmac, the latest fad is dressing up like a shoe salesman and wearing a pineapple on your head. That trend should work its way to us in a few thousand years. In the meantime, here's what hot right here on earth.

Using button covers to change the look of a favorite shirt ... wearing up to four different pairs of shoelaces scrunched togther on one shoe ... checking out clothing with ethnic prints, "cave" drawings, and tie-dyed designs ... piling on rubberized jewelry — it doesn't clank ... buying special coins from the U.S. Mint, the money from which goes to restore the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. Write to: Customer Service Center, United States Mint, 10001 Aerospace Drive, Lanham, MD 20706 ... cheering on athletes at the Goodwill games held in Seattle, with athletes from more than 50 countries participating (July 5 - August 5 on TNT).

F·O·O·D F·A·C·T·S

Among life's great questions are "How many toes does a snarf have? "Where did certain foods get their names?" For the answer to that last one, read on!

Ice cream sundae.: In 1890, a customer in E.C.

Berner's ice cream parlor in Two River, Wisconsin, had a great idea. He suggested that Berner pour chocolate syrup over a dish of ice cream. Everyone loved the result, and the dish was originally sold only on Sundays, so it was called a sundae.

Ketchup: The Chinese invented a spicy sauce of fish broth and mushrooms called ketsiap. The recipe was brought to England,where tomatoes were added. The name stayed basically the same.

WHO'S WHO?

It's hard enough remembering what you had for dinner last night (unless you're ALF, who never forgets anything that has to do with food), let alone the differences between animals that seem to be exactly alike. Here, for the confused, is a handy-dandy guide to sorting out those felines, amphibians and other members of the animal kingdom that are so easy to mix up.

ALLIGATORS AND CROCODILES. There are a several major differences between these two creatures. The crocodile's snout is long and tapered. The alligator's snout is round, and about the same width near the eyes and down at the tip. Alligators are black with yellow markings, and crocodiles have grayish green skin. The alligator is found in the United States, from North Carolina to Texas. Crocodiles are found in South America, Africa and Asia, and the Florida Keys in the United States. Alligators are not endangered, and their skin is still used for handbags and shoes. Crocodiles are endangered and can't be hunted.

FROGS AND TOADS. Frogs have smooth, wet skin, and they're strong, fast jumpers. Toads have dryer, rougher skin which has bumps on it. Don't look for toads to make the Jumping Hall of Fame: they move around with short, awkward hops.

PANTHERS, PUMAS, CATAMOUNTS, COUGARS, MOUNTAIN LIONS, AND BEARCATS. Guess what? These are all names for the same animal — a large, brown cat. So you can't judge an animal by its name! And no, ALF, don't even think about it — these animals are much fiercer and wilder than Lucky!

OR BE SQUARE

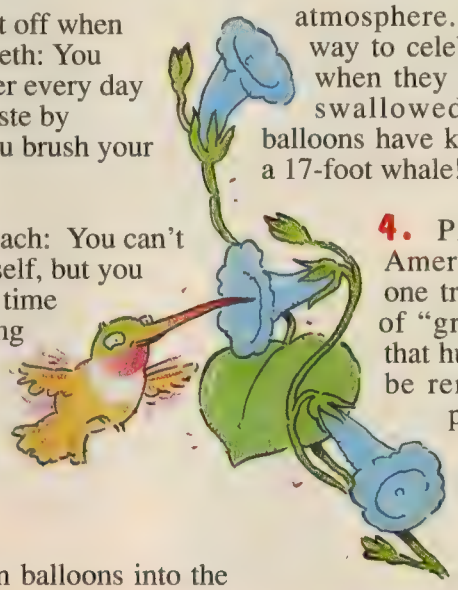
ALF's Tips On

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

The ol' ALFer knows that it's very important to protect the environment here on earth. Did you know that on Melmac they never recycled their old newspapers?(And look what happened to their planet!)ALF is the spokesalien for "Protect our Planet," his own non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the environment. On a recent show, you might have seen ALF looking at a book about the environment. Here are a few tips from that book that can help you preserve our most vital resource - the environment.

1. Turn the water faucet off when you're brushing your teeth: You could take a long shower every day with the water you waste by letting the tap run as you brush your teeth.

2. Help clean up the beach: You can't save the ocean by yourself, but you can get involved. Next time you're at the beach, bring a trash bag. Then spend a few minutes picking up any litter you find.
Do the same at the park!



3. Don't release helium balloons into the atmosphere. Balloons are a popular way to celebrate special events. But when they come down, they can be swallowed by animals. Helium balloons have killed creatures as large as a 17-foot whale!

4. Plant a tree: If every American family planted just one tree, over a billion pounds of "greenhouse gases" (gases that hurt the atmosphere) would be removed from the atmosphere every year.

Excerpt from "50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth." Published by Earth Works Press

Famous Fido's Fantastic Pet Food

If you think that some pets couldn't be any more pampered, listen up. Fido's Doggie Deli, located in Chicago, offers pets designer clothes (if you see a poodle in a pair of jeans, you'll know why) as well as gourmet foods such as Beagle Bagels and Siamese Salmon Surprise — it's NOT made from Siamese cats, ALF. And you thought your cat was happy eating Kitty Critters.

But the real icing on the Pupcake is a restaurant for pets (masters must accompany them).

If all this seems a bit much — it is. A complete dinner costs $10.00, which would buy a lot of kibble.

What's next? Hair salons for gerbils?

Museum Mania

Where can you see The Jolly Green Giant ? The glories of Tupperware? Locks, locks, and more locks? A museum! Yes, there are museums out there for just about anything.

The Lock Museum of America, Terryville, Ct.
Eighteen thousand things that fasten and lock. Hope this is a "locky" place!

The Potato Museum, Washington, D.C.
Monument to the spud, this museum boasts s 4,000-year-old potato and historical drawings . No use bringing butter; you can look, but not nibble.

Oyster Museum, Chincoteague Island, Va.
Shows visitors how oysters are grown and harvested. Includes a tape narrating the highlights of an oysters life.

Tupperware Gallery, Orlando, Fla
Tour the exciting galleries that show off the stunning Tupperware products. WOW! HOLD US BACK!

Illustrations by Charles Peale

FOURTH OF JULY JAMBOREE

It's more than just red, white and blue — it's the Fourth of July, ALF style!

Gregg Mancuso/Stockphotos, inc.

"A porcupine hero! My favorite!"

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"Hey -- your shoelaces are untied!"

"Forget the finish line -- the watermelon's *this* way!"

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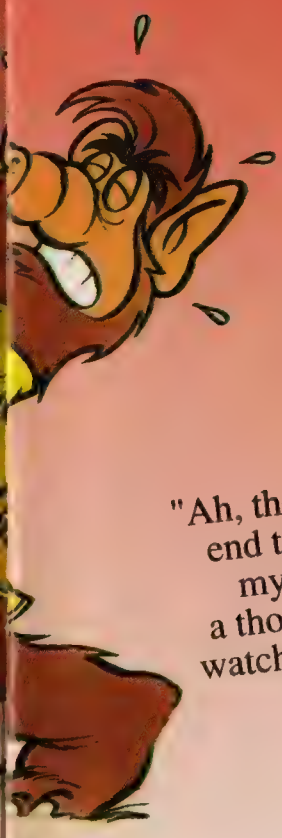

"Ah, the perfect romantic end to the day. Just me, my dream date ... and a thousand other people watching the fireworks."

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GIVE THIS PAGE A FLIP 'N A RIP AND HANG SOMETHING HIP!

Picnic Puzzler

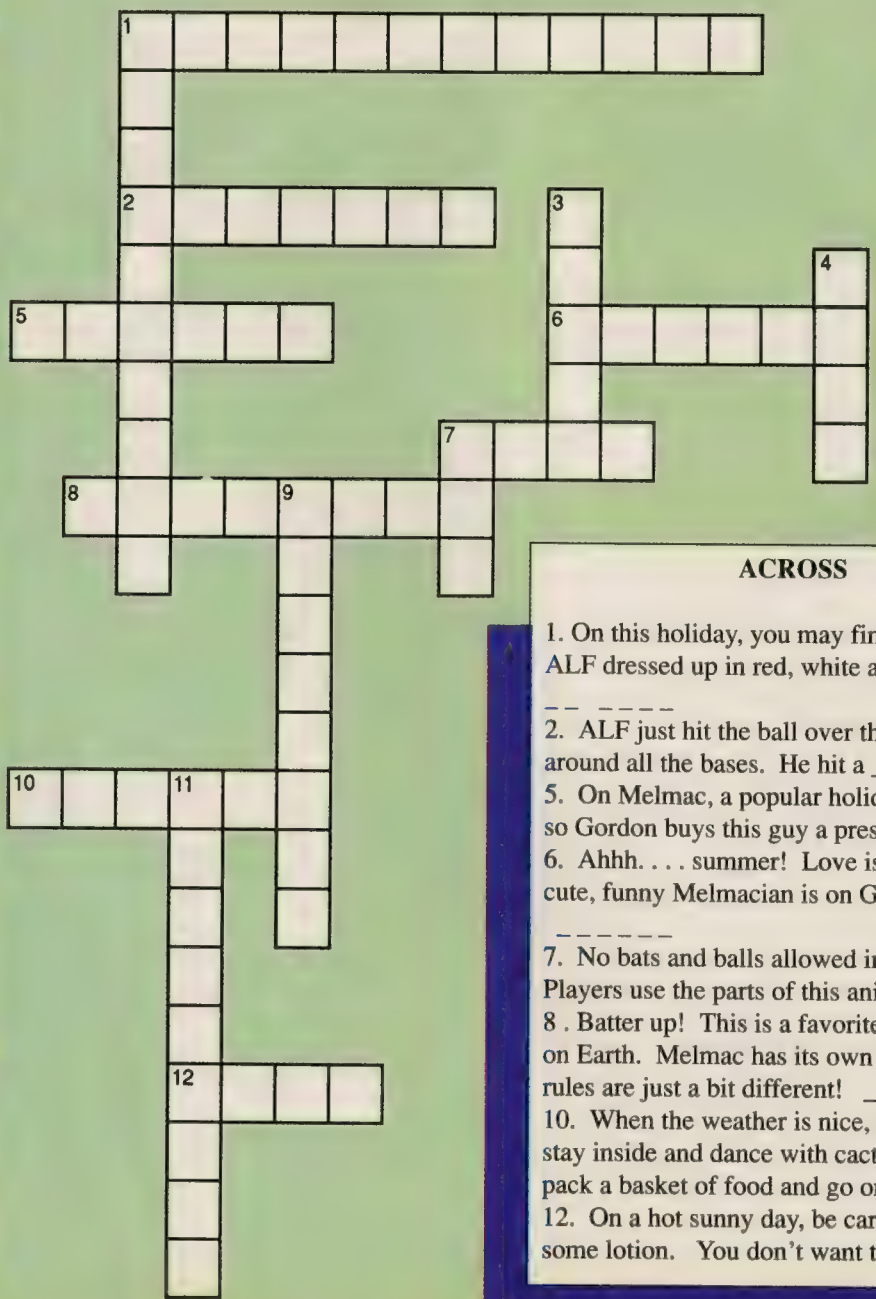
With ALF around, things always seem to be a little peculiar.
But there are actually 14 things wrong with this picture.
Can you find them all? Happy hunting!

Illustration by Dick Codor

MELMACTIVITY

SPEAKING OF SUMMER

It's summer! It's a crossword! It's a summer crossword! Fill in the blanks for each answer, then fill in the crossword puzzle. What stupendous summer fun!



DOWN

1. On this holiday, _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _, Gordon usually sends his dad a jar of frozen worms, but he'd rather get a card.
3. These "flighty" creatures chirp and sing all summer long! _ _ _ _ _
4. Last summer, Gordon went to sleep-away _ _ _ _.
7. This woman must have loads of patience and be very forgiving. After all, she's Gordon's mom! _ _ _
9. ALF likes to cook hot dogs and hamburgers outside on the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
11. It's ALF's favorite saying ... _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _!

ACROSS

1. On this holiday, you may find ALF dressed up in red, white and blue. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
2. ALF just hit the ball over the fence and ran around all the bases. He hit a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _!
5. On Melmac, a popular holiday is Brother's Day, so Gordon buys this guy a present. _ _ _ _ _ _
6. Ahhh. . . . summer! Love is in the air, and this cute, funny Melmacian is on Gordon's mind. _ _ _ _ _ _
7. No bats and balls allowed in bouillabaseball! Players use the parts of this animal. _ _ _ _
8 . Batter up! This is a favorite summertime sport on Earth. Melmac has its own version, but the rules are just a bit different! _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
10. When the weather is nice, Melmacians like to stay inside and dance with cacti. On Earth, we pack a basket of food and go on a _ _ _ _ _ _ _.
12. On a hot sunny day, be careful and put on some lotion. You don't want to get a sun _ _ _ _!

Answers:
Across
1. Fourth of July
2. Home run
5. Curtis
6. Rhonda
7. Fish
8. Baseball
10. Picnic
12. Burn

Down
1. Father's Day
3. Birds
4. Camp
7. Flo
9. Barbecue
11. No Problem

Melmatinee

NATIONAL MELMACIAN'S SUMMER VACATION

STARRING:
Gordon Shumway
Bob and Flo Shumway, Gordon's parents
Curtis Shumway, Gordon's little brother
Augie Shumway, Gordon's little sister
Rick and Skip, Gordon's best friends
Old Geezer, an old geezer

SETTING: The Shumway living room

The family is gathered around the television set for their favorite TV show, "Mr. Spiffy and his Fabulous Dancing Turnips."

by Alicia Schudt-Schechter

Gordon: Ha! I never get tired of this show.
Flo: Those fabulous Dancing Turnips are something else.
Bob: Z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z.
Gordon: Somebody let a buzzsaw in here?
Narrator: They all turn to see their father fast asleep and making more noise than the TV. Augie toddles over and turns the TV volume up louder.
Flo: Poor Bob's been so tired lately, he can't even stay up for his favorite show.
Gordon: They've been working him pretty hard at the mayo plant. Good thing his vacation's coming up.
Curtis: Vacation! Yeay! Where are we going this year?
Flo: I'm afraid your father's too tired to travel this year. He had hoped to visit Smeltville, his boyhood home, but it looks like we're going to spend a nice quiet month in East Velcro instead.
Curtis: Eeeughh. Bor-i-n-g!
Gordon: Don't you think the freedom of being on the road and the smell of fur balls in the morning dew would do ol' Dad a world of good?
Bob: Z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z.
Gordon: I take that as a yes. Come on, Mom. Dad doesn't have to drive. I'm an orbit guard garbage ionizer. I can drive us clear across Melmac. All Dad has to do is sit back and relax. Just like he's doing now.
Flo: He was so looking forward to the trip. What do you think, Bob? Gordon's offered to drive us cross-planet to Smeltville!
Bob: Z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z.
Gordon: See? He's all for it!
Narrator: A few weeks later, Gordon and his family are packing up the family car for the cross-Melmac trek. Gordon's put himself in charge of everything. His two friends, Rick and Skip, come over to wish them bon voyage.
Skip: Hey, Gordo, I see you're all packed and ready to fly.
Rick: Are you nervous? Driving cross-planet can be kind of dangerous.

Gordon: Don't be a slug, Rick. It's a piece of tabby pie. You just hit the gas, aim the car and go. No problem.

Curtis: (From inside the car) Come on, Gordon! Let's hit the road!

Narrator: Gordon waves farewell to his friends, as Bob, Flo and Augie climb into the car.

Gordon: And we're off to Smeltville!

Narrator: After about ten hours on the road, the Shumways are getting restless.

Curtis: (singing) Ninety-nine vats of slug juice on the wall, 99 vats of slug, if one of those vats should happen to fall—

Augie: Stop it!!

Gordon: Hey, keep it down back there. I'm trying to concentrate.

Flo: Gordon, are you sure this is the right direction? We should be in Troutgill by now.

Gordon: Sure I'm sure. I have a snout for direction. Besides, Dad's got the map. If I strayed from the path, he'd tell me, Right, Dad?

Bob: Z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z-z.

Narrator: Gordon turns to see his father sound asleep in the seat next to him.

Gordon: Dad? Wake up. You're supposed to be map monitor!

Bob: (Waking up) What? Maps? Oh, darn! I knew I forgot something.

Narrator: Gordon stops the car. The entire family looks at him.

Curtis: You know your way around, huh? You have a snout for direction?

Flo: Gordon, are we lost?

Gordon: Not exactly.

Bob: Then where are we, son?

Gordon: Uhhhh.

Augie: Aaaaack! We're lost forever! Our driver has no sense of direction!

Narrator: Gordon tries to look confident, as the dark, empty road stretches out before them.

Gordon: Don't be ridiculous. We just may never see our home again, that's all.

ACT TWO

Narrator: It's night, it's dark, it's lonely out in the woods as the traveling Shumways wander around, furious at Gordon.

Curtis: You've done it now, big brother.

Gordon: Done what? We're just taking a rest. We'll be back on the road before you know it.

Flo: Don't you have to find the road first?

Bob: Gordon's my boy. He'll find the way. And before you know it, we'll be back in my glorious boyhood home, Smeltville.

Augie: Oh goodie! What can we do there, Daddy?

Bob: Uhhhh. Nothing. Only thing I ever did there was grow up.

Augie: Are there theaters and arcades and paint-your-own fur ball displays?

Bob: Uhhhh, no.

Curtis: Sounds like this whole trip is doomed.

Flo: Come on, kids, into the car. We'll sleep in there until the suns start to rise.

Narrator: As the family sleeps, Gordon stares out the windshield. Light filters in. He sees a road sign.

Gordon: There's the right road ahead! We're saved!

Narrator: He revs up the car and speeds off, waking everybody inside.

Everybody: Hey! What the—we're moving! Yeay!

Narrator: On the road again, the Shumways try to make the best of it.

Curtis: Are we there yet?

Gordon: We're somewhere. I just don't know its name yet.

Bob: We have a while to go before we hit Smeltville. Let's count license plates

Augie: Again? We've been doing that for hours already! I hate this vacation.

Flo: Now, Augie, remember. We're doing this for Daddy.

Augie: Oh, all right. I'd better get to paint a lot of fur balls sometime soon.

Narrator: Augie sits back and stares out the window. Gordon points out the places of scenic interest as they whiz by, even though he's not exactly sure what they are.

Gordon: Look! Over there! The fuchsia hills and slug farms of Mellucky!

Everybody: (Bored) Oooh.

Gordon: And over there! Shlepperstown! Home of the Bouillabaseball Hall of Fame!

Everybody: (Even more bored) Oooh.

Gordon: And look! Around

that corner! The Grand Clamyon! Where the giant singing clams live! Isn't this exciting?

Curtis: (Sarcastic) Remind me to buy a postcard.

Gordon: You guys have the wrong attitude about this.

Bob: Do you have any idea where you are, Gordon?

Gordon: (Whispering) Not really.

Bob: (Whispering) Neither do I. But I think you better find out. The engine's on fire.

Narrator: Everybody bolts out of the car. The Shumways stand outside their smoking car, looking around at the dinky little ghost town they're stuck in.

Gordon: This is just great.

Curtis: You really did it this time, Gordon.

Augie: Yeah, Gordon. My dolls live in bigger houses than these.

Flo: It's so...quiet.

Curtis: It's so boring.

Bob: It's just like my home-town!

Narrator: Gordon spots an Old Geezer wandering past and stops him.

Gordon: Excuse me, sir, but we're having car trouble. Can you help us?

Geezer: Nope. I never seen one of them vehicles in my life. We don't get fancy cars like that here in Smeltville.

Bob: Smeltville! It *is* my home-town!

Augie & Curtis: Aarrghh! Now we'll be stuck in Smeltville forever!

Narrator: As the rest of the

ACT THREE

family sadly looks around the tiny, dull little one-cat town, Bob excitedly points out things he remembers.

Bob: Over there's the slugjuice fountain where I met my first girlfriend.

Gordon: Mom?

Flo: (Coughs) I've never been here before, Bob.

Gordon: Come on, Curtis, let's go into town. There must be somebody who can fix our car. We can't live here the rest of our lives!

Curtis: You got that right. I don't see any girls.

Narrator: They run into town (or what town there is, mainly one big building and a little shack). The only person they see there is the Old Geezer.

Gordon: Mr. Geezer, there must be somebody who can fix our car. We can't stay here.

Geezer: I told you son, high technology never made it out

Bob: Oops. And, over there — the little puce schoolhouse where I learned the 56 different names for wire. Oh, the memories.

Gordon: If only you could remember how to fix our engine so we could get back home.

Bob: I've been thinking about it, son. *This* is our home now.

Gordon: Yipes.

Narrator: Gordon looks at Curtis; neither is happy about the turn of events.

this far. Relax. This place will grow on you.

Gordon: Like moss! Come on, Curtis. We have to fix the car ourselves.

Curtis: Isn't that kind of risky, considering we don't know an engine from a hangnail?

Gordon: We have no choice. It's either experiment with the car or get our Smeltvillian citizenship papers.

Curtis: Open the hood.

Narrator: The two of them dump out the contents of the engine, making the situation worse than it was. They look hopelessly at the mess. Bob walks over to them.

Bob: I just wandered over to where my folks used to live.

Gordon: Yeah, Dad.

Bob: I'm so glad I can finally share my past with my boys.

Curtis: Great. Does anybody else live here except that one old guy?

Bob: Looks like everybody else moved away. You know, Gordon, this place has changed a lot since I lived here.

Gordon: It should have, Dad, that was over 500 years ago! I have to be honest. I don't think us staying here is such a good idea.

Bob: You don't?

Gordon: No. We can't live in your past. We have our friends and our lives back in East Velcro. I don't see a tabby pot pie anywhere!

Bob: Oh, Gordon, you may be right. Buildings have fallen apart here, people have left. The water in the slug juice fountain is stale. And I can't remember all 56 names for wire.

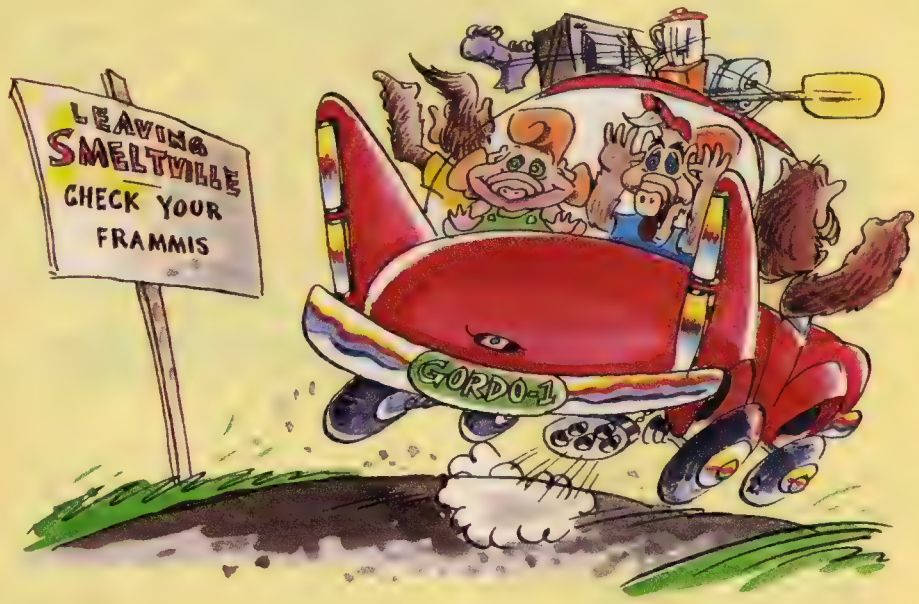
Gordon: I knew you'd come around! Now, help me put this car back together and let's hit the road!

Narrator: Bob takes one look at the mess Gordon and Curtis made of the car and groans.

Bob: But we can't-this car will never run again.

Gordon: But it has to! It's our only hope!

Bob: Looks like we're going to be staying in Smeltville after all. You'll never rebuild this engine without #75 Frammis wire.



Narrator: Bob sadly walks away, as Gordon and Curtis shake their heads. They struggle with the car parts, trying to reattach them, to no avail. Curtis starts building a sculpture of a cat out of the parts.

Gordon: Well, Curtis, looks like you're going to be playing on the Smeltville Scrodball team this year!

Curtis: It looks like I'm going to *be* the Smeltville Scrodball team this year!

Narrator: Curtis and Gordon slump onto the ground. Just then, Bob runs over.

Bob: I was wrong about Smeltville—it hasn't changed completely! The Ye Olde Wire Shoppe is right where it was, and I got a roll of #75 Frammis for us!

Narrator: Gordon, Curtis and Bob hurry to rewire and fix the car, and soon it's as good as new.

Gordon: Come on Mom, Augie -we're going home! Back to the land of tabby burgers and fries!

Narrator: As the family once again piles into the car, Bob takes one last look at his old home.

Bob: Farewell Smeltville!

Old Geezer: Seeya!

Narrator: The Shumways head for home.

Flo: Now, Gordon, are you sure you know the way back?

Gordon: No problem, Mom. East Velcro should be. . . .

Bob: Go East, young mammal. There's no place like home.

Narrator: And they zoom off in a cloud of dust.

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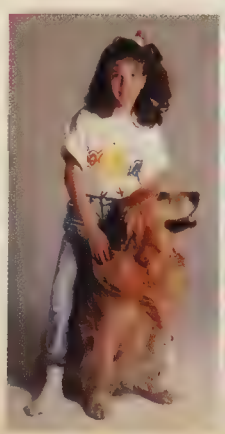

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To get to the other slide.

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Rhonda: No, they've always been plain brown.

Why are the elephant rides cheaper than the pony rides?
Because elephants work for peanuts.

What kinds of shoes are made out of banana skins?
Slippers.

BIG YUKS SPOTLIGHT

What word has the most letters in it?
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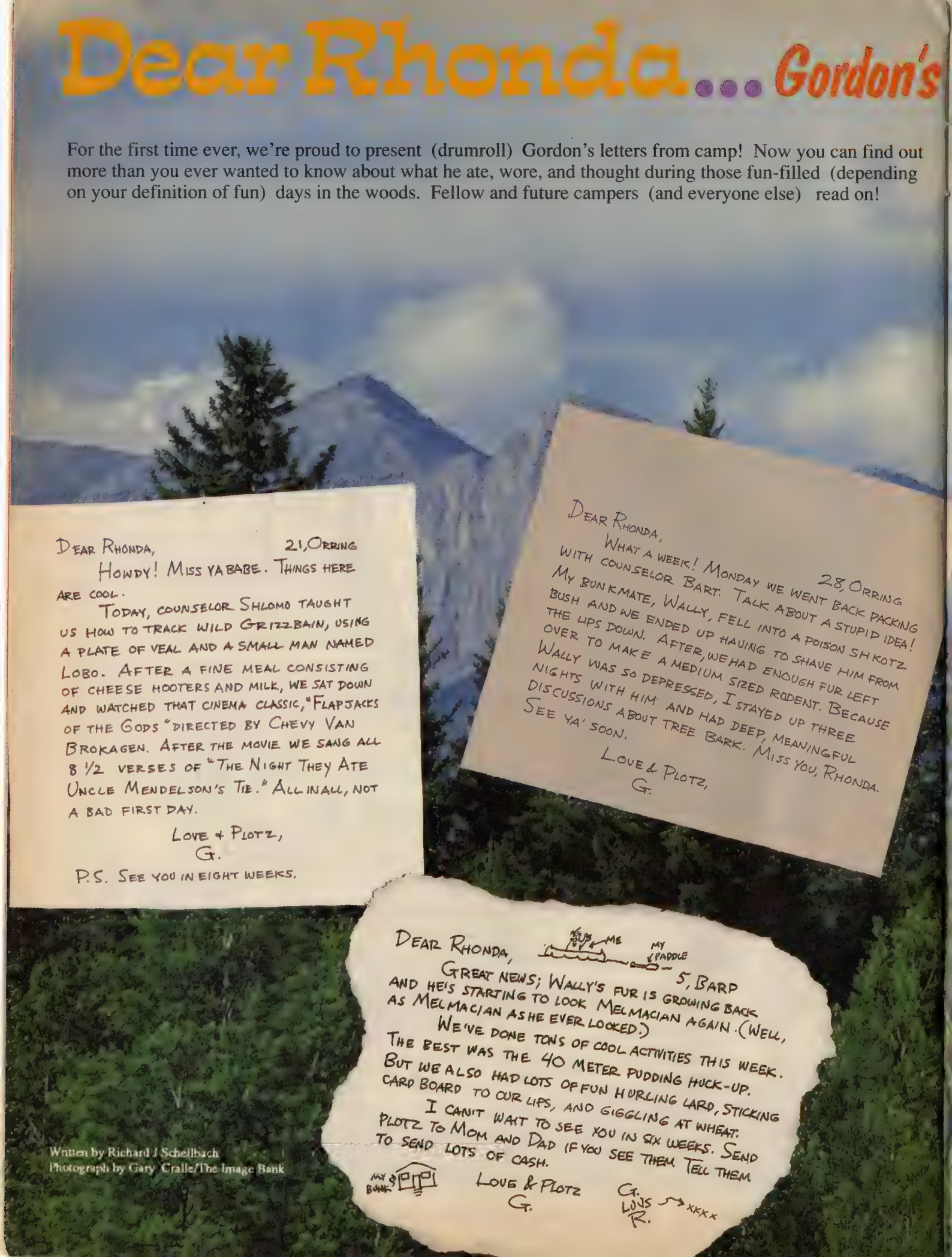
Dear Rhonda... Gordon's

For the first time ever, we're proud to present (drumroll) Gordon's letters from camp! Now you can find out more than you ever wanted to know about what he ate, wore, and thought during those fun-filled (depending on your definition of fun) days in the woods. Fellow and future campers (and everyone else) read on!



Dear Rhonda, 21, Orring

Howdy! Miss ya babe. Things here are cool.

Today, counselor Shlomo taught us how to track wild Grizzbain, using a plate of veal and a small man named Lobo. After a fine meal consisting of cheese hooters and milk, we sat down and watched that cinema classic, "Flapjacks of the Gods" directed by Chevy Van Brokagen. After the movie we sang all 8 1/2 verses of "The Night They Ate Uncle Mendelson's Tie." All in all, not a bad first day.

Love & Plotz,
G.

P.S. See you in eight weeks.

Dear Rhonda, 28, Orring

What a week! Monday we went back packing with counselor Bart. Talk about a stupid idea! My bunkmate, Wally, fell into a poison shkotz bush and we ended up having to shave him from the lips down. After, we had enough fur left over to make a medium sized rodent. Because Wally was so depressed, I stayed up three nights with him and had deep, meaningful discussions about tree bark. Miss you, Rhonda. See ya' soon.

Love & Plotz,
G.

Dear Rhonda,

5, Barp

Great news; Wally's fur is growing back and he's starting to look Melmacian again. (Well, as Melmacian as he ever looked.)

We've done tons of cool activities this week. The best was the 40 meter pudding huck-up. But we also had lots of fun hurling lard, sticking card board to our lips, and giggling at wheat.

I can't wait to see you in six weeks. Send Plotz to Mom and Dad (if you see them. Tell them to send lots of cash.

Love & Plotz
G.

G. Luvs R. xxxx

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letters from camp

22, Barp

Rhonda,

I'm so depressed! It's been raining for five days straight. We're all bored to tears. There's nothing to do but watch movies and play Find the Fist. We can't even get to the video store. The only movies here are "Dumpster of the Dead" and the Pudge Trilogy. Yesterday we each molded our lunch to look like a guy named Slappy. I can't wait to see you. Tell Skip to keep his musty mitts of my sludge collection.

Love & Plotz,
G.

P.S. Send food!

3, Twangle

Dear Rhonda,

Two days ago, it finally stopped raining and we were challenged to a game of skeeball by Camp Kobayashi Maru. Poor Wally. He tripped over Skippy McPork and fractured his entire body. The body cast fit so tightly that we had to shave him again. I hope he doesn't catch a cold. The good news is, we won the game by eight glacks and I scored the winning winkie.

I'll see you in less than two weeks.

Love & Plotz,

P.S. Send more food!

12, Twangle

Rhonda,

In honor of my birthday, my friends tied a squirrel to my face and sang, "It's our Pal's Birthday and we tied a Squirrel to his face." It brought tears to my eyes. (The squirrel, that is). Anyway, thanks for the vat of ointment you sent. It was a swell gift.

Only four more days' till I see you again. Until then, I'll be getting ready for the camp farewell party and gang gargle. Toodles!

Love & Plotz
G.

P.S. Thanks for the food, too!

ASK ALF

Q: Dear ALF,
Why don't you have a wife?

Jennifer Ehlers
Leroy, IL

A: Jenny-meister,
Are you volunteering? But seriously, Rhonda has found a permanent place in my heart—just to the right of my spleen—so I'm strictly off -limits. But thanks for asking.

Q: Dear ALF,
I'm 11 years old and I love your television show and magazine. All of my friends make fun of me because I like you so much, and they think I'm too old. What do you think I should do?

Jaime Lantz
Belington, WV

A: Jaime,
You can start by showing them this answer. For their information, the oldest member of the ALF Fan Club is a woman in her 90s. I've met former President Reagan, football hall-of-famers like Joe Namath and a whole ton of kids and grown-ups, and most of them have gotten along with me. So, next time your "friends" make fun of you for liking the ol' ALFer, tell them I think they're acting like. . .children!

Q: Dear ALF,
I notice you're good at burping. How did you get so good and how can I get better?

David Melton
Fort Collins, CO

A: Dave-ster,
I didn't realize it was that noticeable. I got good at le belch when I crash landed on Earth and started eating things that I had never eaten before. That'll do it everytime! You can get really good at belching by tracking down a wild grizzbain ... That's Melmac's spiciest dish. (Especially with a side of fries!)

Q: Dear ALF,
How old are you? (I heard you spent 117 years in high school.)

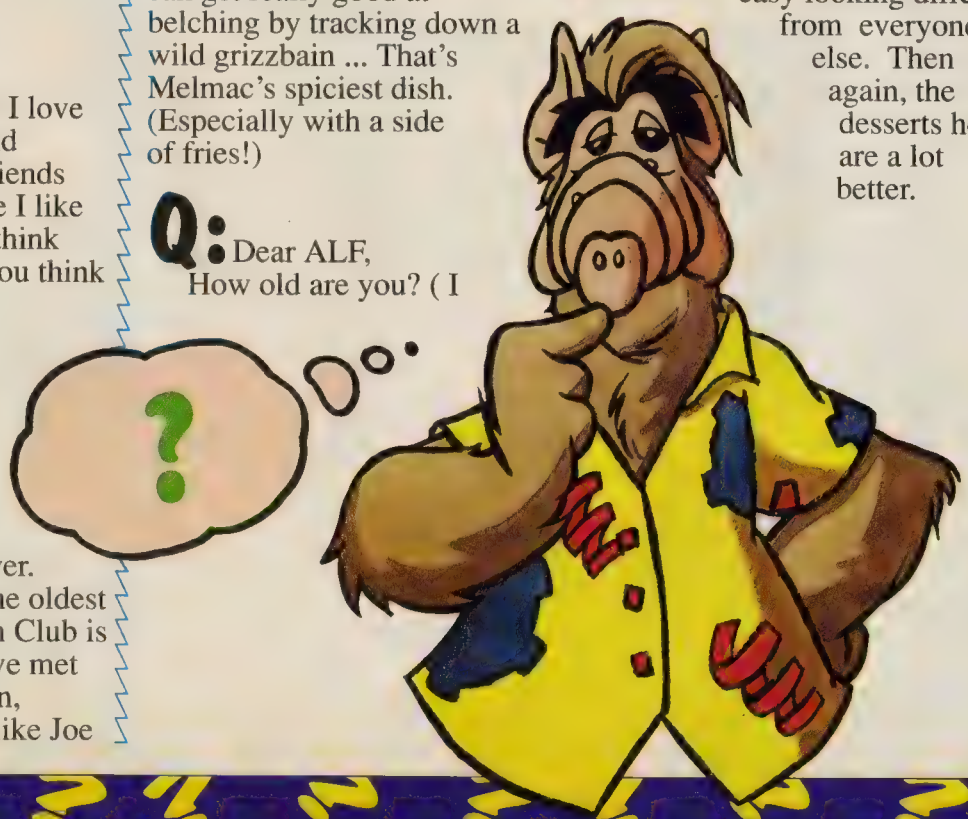
Tara Cromwell
Edmond, OK

A: Dear Tara,
I never thought it was very fashionable to discuss age, but what the heck, I look great! I'll be 234 this year, but I feel like 220. (I really do kill me!!!) And, yes, I spent 117 years in high school, but that's normal on Melmac. (To be honest, it would have been 116 years if not for the point curve.)

Q: Dear ALF,
What does it feel like to be an alien on another planet?

Matthew Ramsey
Austin, TX

A: Matt,
It's probably a lot like being a talent agent. Well, maybe not quite as bad as that... but close. Let's just say it's not easy looking different from everyone else. Then again, the desserts here are a lot better.



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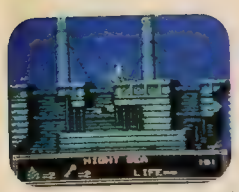

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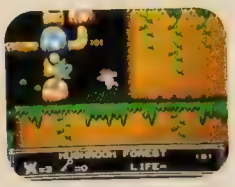

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GIMME FOUR!

Hi ALFers!

Well, it's fall. New classes, new teachers and, if you're on Melmac, new grizzbain de-fleecers. (They really know how to celebrate fall there!)

As usual, we have some totally groovy stuff for you in this issue. We're especially proud of the fantastic ALF cookies for you to make. Yes, they really do look like ALF-snout and all. There's also a look at the Melmacian Yellow Pages, and a special peek at ALF's high school scrapbook. (Ah, the good old days.)

And naturally, we have lots of your faves, including activities, fun facts in Be There or Be Square (be sure to catch up on some cool environmental clothing and products), and an outrageous photo funny that celebrates Halloween.

Once again, gang, we just wanted to thank you for all your great letters and postcards and artwork. You're true ALFies-and that's the highest compliment we can give.

Have a great fall. And of course . . . HAVE A HOOT! (That makes it eight-and-a-half hoots and counting!)

ALFectionately,
The Editors

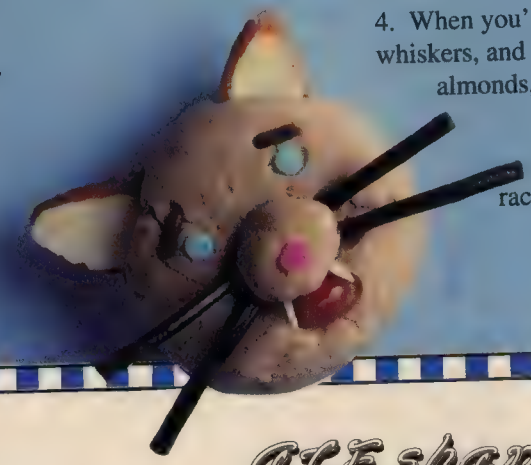
What's Cooking at the Cat-Sup Diner

Creature Cookies

You've seen ALF in many forms-now we present, ALF the Cookie! And as a counterpoint, a cat as well. Dare we say it? We think that making these cookies will be even more fun than dancing with chrome. (And we know how much you love that!) As ever, be sure a grown-up helps out.

- **1 stick butter or margarine (1/2 cup) softened**
- **1/2 cup dark brown sugar**
- **1/2 teaspoon vanilla**
- **1 large egg**
- **2 1/4 cups all purpose flour**
- **1/4 teaspoon baking soda**
- **pinch salt**
- **1 teaspoon cocoa**
- **silvered almonds, raisins, cinnamon candies, black licorice whips**

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. In large bowl with electric mixer, beat butter and sugar together. Add egg and vanilla and beat until fluffy. In medium bowl combine flour, baking soda, salt and cocoa. Add to butter mixture and mix until just combined.
3. Shape into ALF heads and cat faces and decorate as desired. To make the heads: trace the patterns with tracing paper. Cut out the shapes. Lay the patterns on the dough. Trace the patterns with a knife or a toothpick. Layer the shapes to make ALF and the cat — just follow the diagram.
4. When you've made the shapes, use licorice for the cat's whiskers, and raisins, almonds, etc. for ears, nose, and eyes.
5. Place on baking sheets and bake 10 - 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove to racks and cool.



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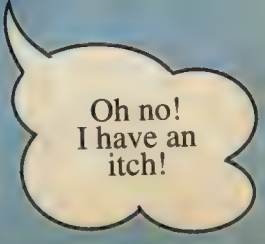

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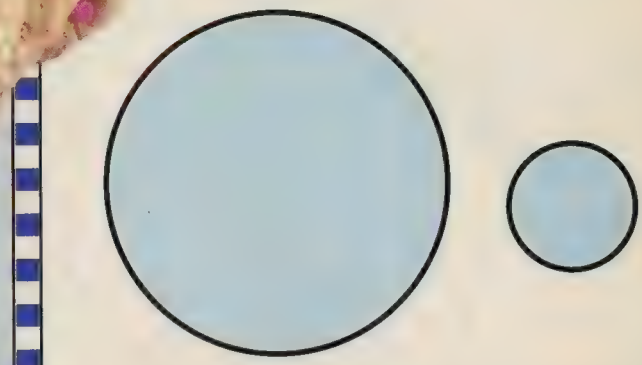

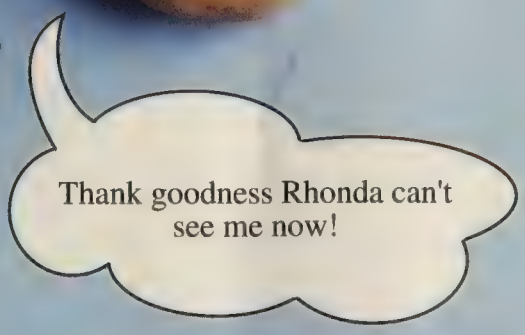

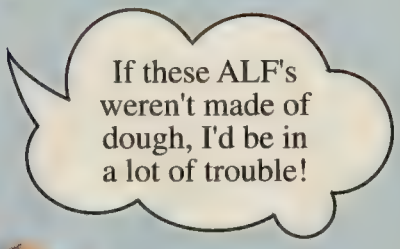

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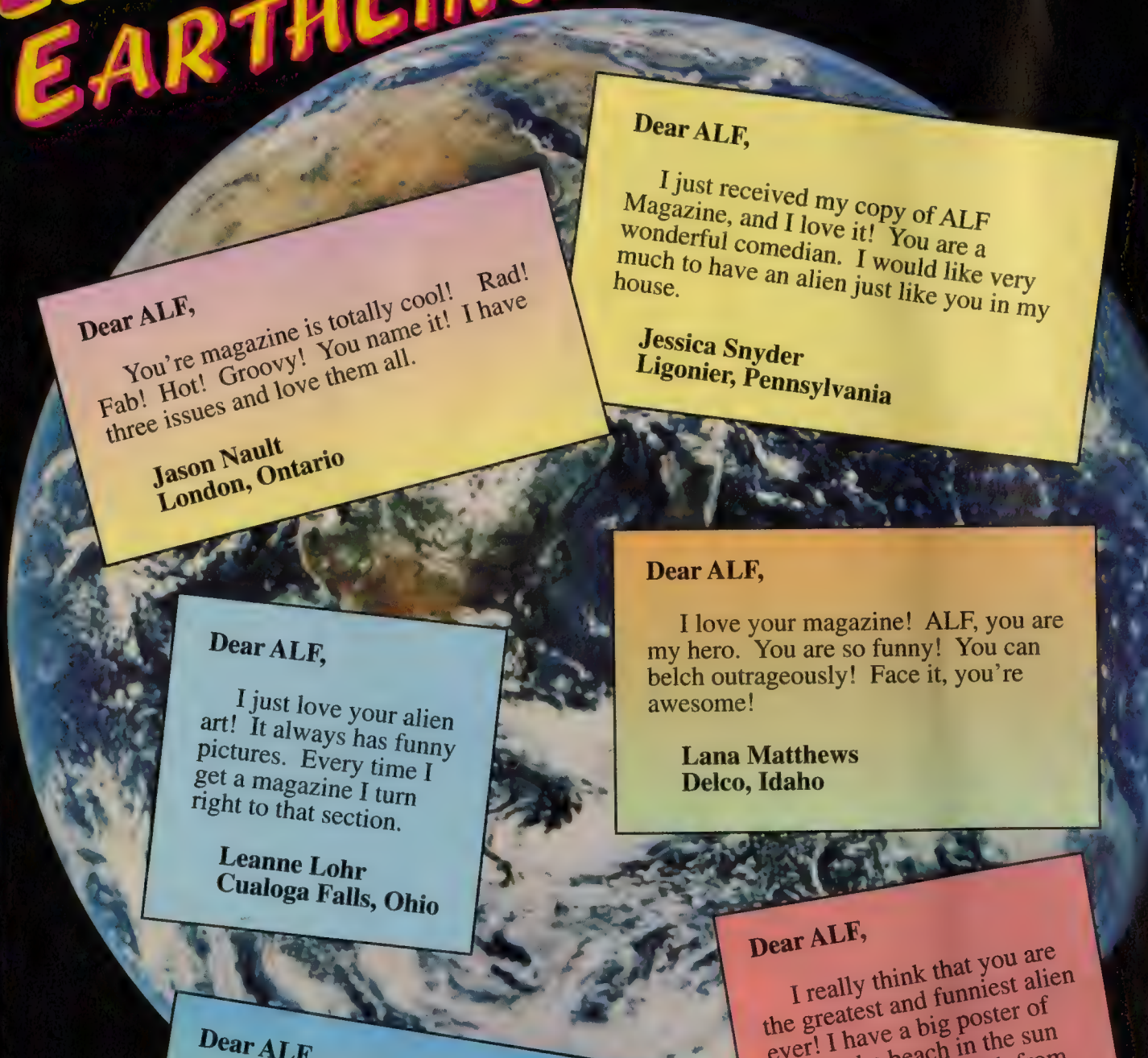

Dear ALF,

You're magazine is totally cool! Rad! Fab! Hot! Groovy! You name it! I have three issues and love them all.

Jason Nault
London, Ontario

Dear ALF,

I just received my copy of ALF Magazine, and I love it! You are a wonderful comedian. I would like very much to have an alien just like you in my house.

Jessica Snyder
Ligonier, Pennsylvania

Dear ALF,

I love your magazine! ALF, you are my hero. You are so funny! You can belch outrageously! Face it, you're awesome!

Lana Matthews
Delco, Idaho

Dear ALF,

I just love your alien art! It always has funny pictures. Every time I get a magazine I turn right to that section.

Leanne Lohr
Cualoga Falls, Ohio

Dear ALF,

I really think that you are the greatest and funniest alien ever! I have a big poster of you on the beach in the sun and it says "The Hunk from Melmac". I think it's true!

Sarah Christenson
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear ALF,

I am nine years old and a huge fan of yours. I think your magazines are great! You are the best alien I ever saw! I wish you could come over to my house sometime. But if you do, I have three cats and they are off limits for eating. Bummer, huh?

Jayme Dick
Bluffton, South Carolina

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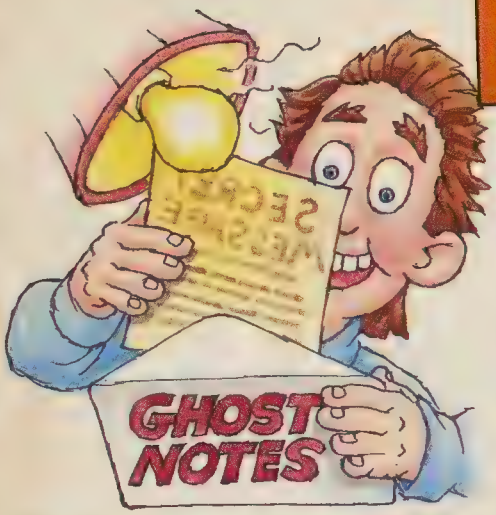

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For your invisible message, you'll need some sheets of paper, envelopes, a thin paintbrush or toothpick, and half a cup of lemon juice. Dip the brush or toothpick into the lemon juice, and write a message.

Let the paper dry for half an hour, then put it in the envelope. When your friend sees the paper, tell her to hold the paper a few inches away from a light bulb that's turned on. (Make sure she's careful about her fingers.) The paper will become warm, and little by little the lemon juice will turn brown. INKredible!

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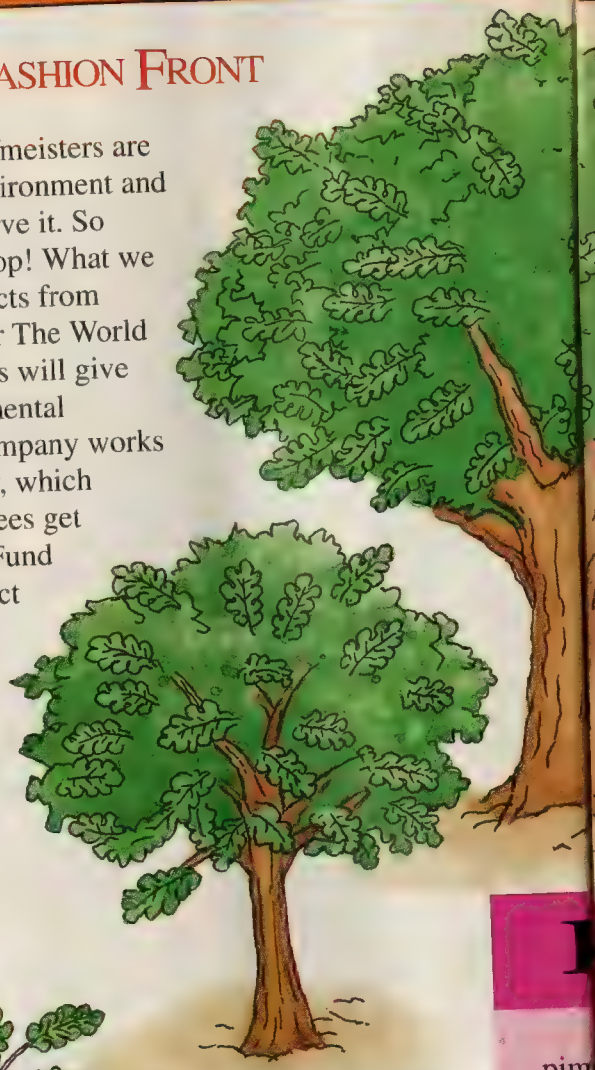

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Hold Your Horses: It mea
At county-fair races, horse drivers
started before the race had official
Spectators would yell, "Hold your

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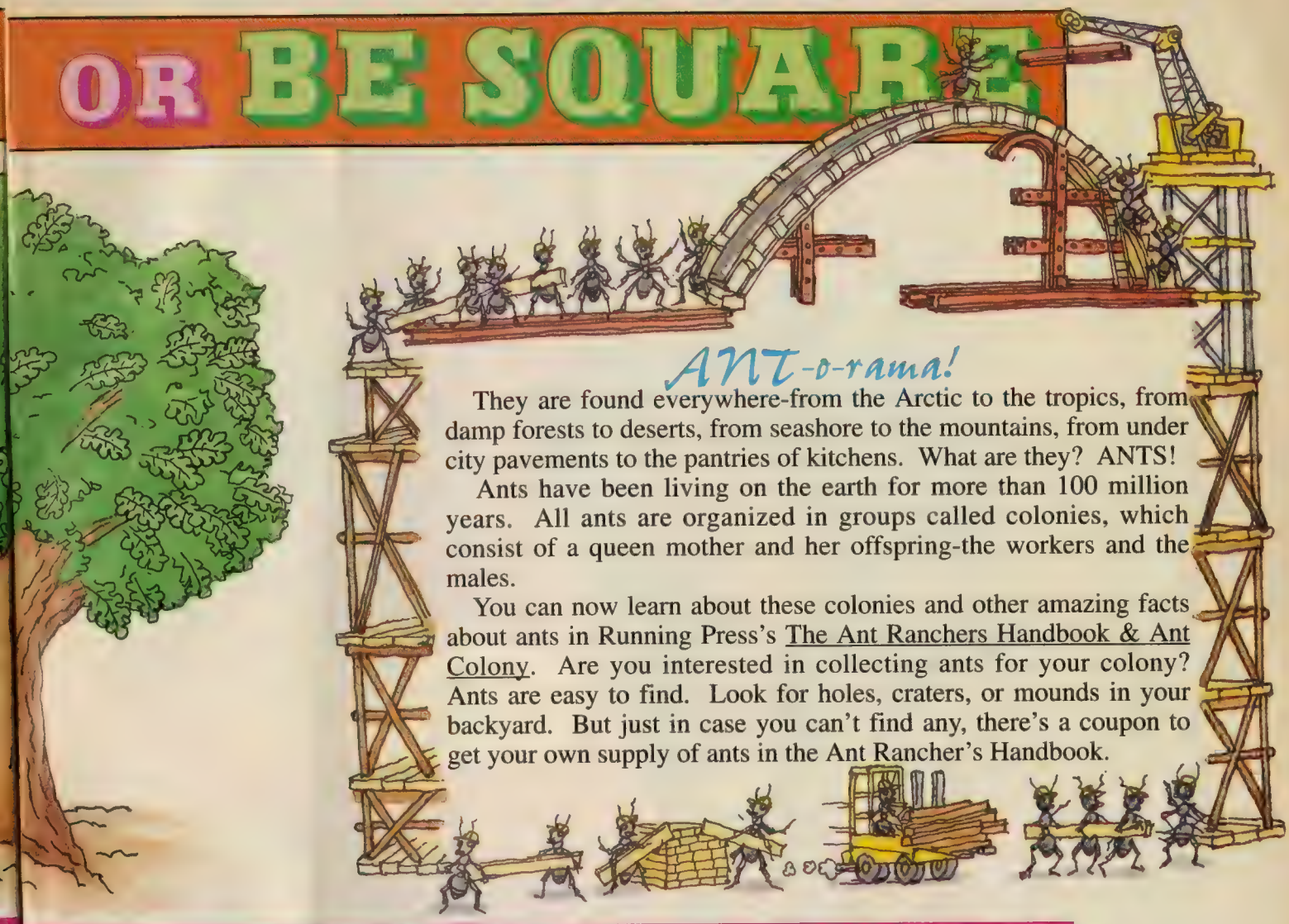

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HOLD YOUR...

u know how there are lots of phrases you hear, but never really think about? Like "Goose " or "Hold your horses"? We've tracked down the origins of several animal phrases for you. LF, maybe if you're lucky, one day we'll hear the phrase, "With a snout like a Melmacian"!

be patient."
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es!"

Clam Up: This means "be silent." The mouth of the clam is very difficult to open. This is not a problem you'll ever have with ALF-just throw a mound of food in his direction.

Hightail it: To make a quick get-away. Many animals, such as rabbits, raise their tails high in the air when they're running from danger.

Get Your Goat: To become annoyed or irritated. Sometimes goats were kept with racing horses because it kept the horses calm. When the goats were removed, the horses would get very jumpy and upset. Same idea as putting ALF in a room with a catsickle.

Halloween Hullabaloo

This pumpkin was supposed to look like Rhonda. . . it does if you look very quickly!
My, my. I haven't been so scared since the mystery meat at the back of the Tanner's refrigerator started to move!
Even my mother can't tell us apart!
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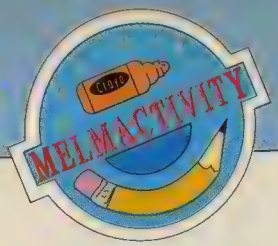

Animal Scramble

How are your hunting skills? On Melmac, you might have to face the mighty snodblark (it has the head of a mailman and the body of a toad). But here, you have to figure out the names of these earth animals by unscrambling the words. Then find the names in the box. Happy hunting!

OLNI The "main" cat in the jungle.

OGD Down, boy!

RBDIS The early ones catch something we'd rather not eat.

RKNGOAAO Wish we had somewhere so convenient to store things.

NATPHLEE Part of its body is also the name of something we pack clothes in.

KSRHA Lots of pointy teeth!

FIGERFA Never has trouble seeing over the top of things.

BMLA At a distance, it looks like a little cloud.

BRAIBT If they eat enough of their favorite food, they'll never need glasses.

TOSPOUC If you had so many arms, think how great you'd be at sports!

KASEN Some people find this thing a little ssscary.

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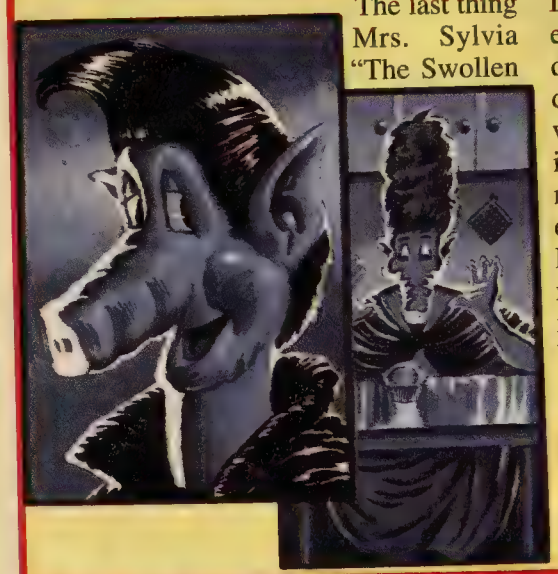
Actor Becomes Rodent After Stunt Disaster

While working late on his latest zombie movie, "Space Slugs in the Slammer," Alvin Maglchelchotti slowly began turing into a giant rodent. Alvin told us, "I don't know what happened! We were shooting a scene where my shorts are supposed to explode and something went wrong. Now all I do all day is crawl around, looking for cheese. If only I could find cheddar. The movie

(see GIANT RODENT on p.12)

Ghostly Image of Frank Seen on Bran Muffin



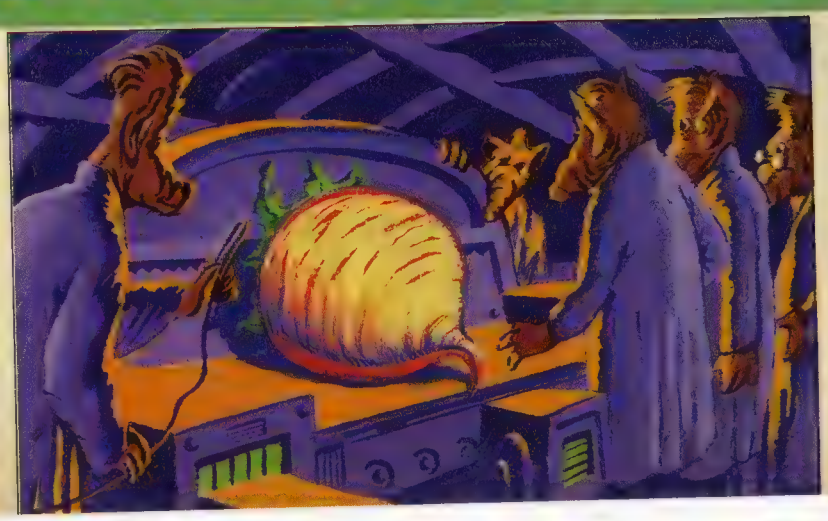
The last thing Mrs. Sylvia "The Swollen Lobe" Bobrick expected to see during yesterday's breakfast, was the ghostly image of Melmac's most legendary rock star, Frank Needlemeyre, on her bran muffin. "I guess bran makes sense," said Sylvia. "Frank was always very health conscious."

FAN GLUES BALSA WOOD TO FILM STAR

Mr. Elmo Tweek, a Redmond native and fan of actress Mimmie Ack-Glub, glued a large block of balsa to her couch, with her consent, Tuesday morning. "I was glad to do it," Tweek declared at a press conference yesterday. Ms. Ack-Glub echoed Elmo's feelings: "No couch is complete without it," she said. Her newest movie, "When Pudding Laughs Back," opens this week

(see ACK-GLUB SAYS "ARGREWK WIK!" on p. 5)

TURNIP FROM SPACE SPEAKS



When a Crust 100 rocket crashed last week, scientists were shocked to find a turnip at the control panel. Now it has been discovered that the turnip seems to be able to speak. In a prepared statement today, the turnip said, "My foot isn't a traffic light, but dogs will be furniture while the log on your tooth dances." Scientists are trying to figure out the meaning of these statements, and

(see WHAT DID IT SAY??? on p. 13)

Man Invents First Portable Sheep

A Litwak man, Dr. Erin R.V. Frumpy, unveiled his new project to the scientific community last week. For the past 422 years, Dr. Frumpy has been working to build the first portable sheep. He has named the prototype 'ALVAL 9000,' after his mother. Dr. Frumpy's father, Bart, was not available for further comment. Even if

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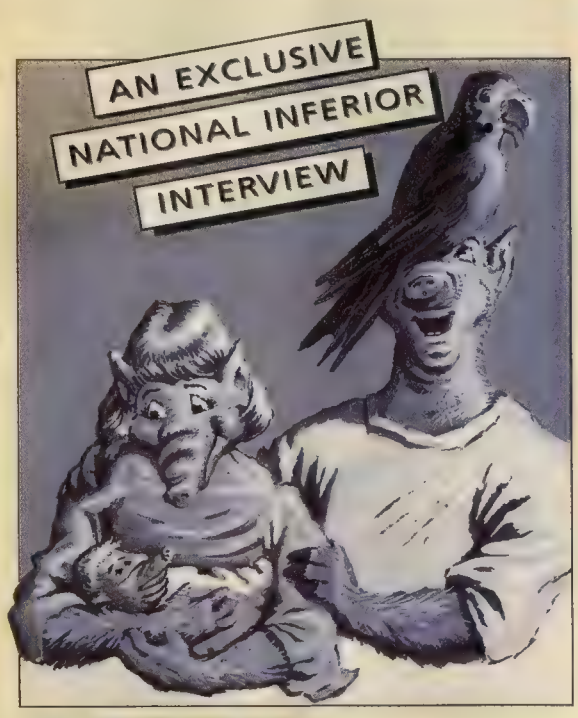

Woman With Largest Collection of Dried Fruit

In an unrelated story, Ms. Leslie Schnick-Ptwink-Dweeky-Harf-narffler-Podster-meister Melmac's largest collector of dried fruit, hasn't a clue how to dance. She confided in us, however, that she is learning how to smile at walruses without using her hands. However,

(see SHORT- ORDER CROOK on p. 14)

BABY • BORN • WITH • THREE • LIPS

When their son was born, Freida and Schlomo Mac-Peiser were thrilled to learn that he had three lips. "It'll make drinking through a straw that much better,"said Schlomo, who was learning how to balance a parrot in the middle of his face during our interview. You just can't have enough lips these days . . .

(see TRIp-LIP on p.8)

COUNTRY SINGER'S HOBBY: " I IMITATE FUDGE!"

Singing sensation Buck Goldberg admitted last Thursday that he had been arrested for imitating fudge without a permit. "It wasn't a pretty sight! " Buck cried. "Okay, I've got a problem! I'll be the first one to admit that. But did they have to lock me up with thugs and chrome cleaners? When I get my life in order, I'll get a permit right away. But I can't say that I won't try to imitate white

(see FUDGE FELON on p. 17)

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Alf's own HIGH SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

In my senior year, I played the lead in Melmac High's stage version of "Hare". Each time I sang, "No Bunny Loves You When You're Down and Out", cheering members of the audience would throw eggs in appreciation.

This is me after I joined Melmac's toughest high-school bike gang, "Paperboys With An Attitude". We all had tough names, like Fluffy, Pinky, Marshmallow... This picture was taken by our leader, Little Fuzzy Squirrel.

The day I fell in mom's garden and landed on my snout.

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GORDO KRACY

STARRING:
Gordo Kracy, Detective.....ALF
Stress Twohearts, his girlfriend...Rhonda
Litterbox Louie, the bad guy.....Skip
Miss Kitty, Louie's girlfriend.....Stella
Big Eddie, owner of the Persian Club...Bob
Flora, a plant, head of the Vegomatic Gang...Flo
Assorted badguys, evildoers and goons

NARRATOR: It was the 22nd of Gorruf. The weather was fishy. The moons were green and moldy. And Detective Gordo Kracy was about to propose Major Going Steady to his best gal, Stress Twohearts, over a hot tabby roast at "their place," the swanky Persian Club.

GORDO: Uhhh, Stress, I know I've been busy lately, catching evildoers and all, but we're finally alone, and once dinner gets here, I have something to ask you. It's about us. I mean, you and me. That us.

NARRATOR: As Stress nervously bites her fingertips (since they don't have fingernails), Big Eddie, the owner of the Persian Club, rushes up to their private booth.

BIG EDDIE: Gordo Kracy! Just the mammal I wanted to see! A terrible thing has happened!

GORDO: Not now, Eddie. Can't this wait until after dinner? My blood sugar's low as it is.

BIG EDDIE: Sorry, but this is urgent. We're out of tabby roast.

GORDO: WHAT?!!? Didn't I tell you this was a special night for me?

BIG EDDIE: We was robbed, Gordo! The Vegomatic Gang snuck into the kitchen kennel and took all our cats!

GORDO: Oh, no! (TURNING TO STRESS) I'm sorry, Stress. We'll go to the Copacatbana...they'll have tabby.

BIG EDDIE: I'm afraid not. Every classy dive in town's been hit. There's not a feline to be found anywhere. You gotta help us, Gordo! We'll go broke!

GORDO: And I'll go hungry! (GORDO JUMPS UP) I'm on the case!

NARRATOR: Stress looks upset, and grabs onto Gordo's trademark yellow rain slicker as he starts to run out.

STRESS: Oh, no you don't, Gordo Kracy. I'm sick and tired of crime coming between us all the time.

GORDO: I'm doing this for us, Stress. To make the world a better place for us to raise a family. To insure world peace.

Written by Alicia Schudt-Schechter and Robert Schechter
Illustrations by Dick Codor

And to make sure I get a decent meal.

STRESS: *(watching Gordo hurry off)* If only I was in love with a chicken salad salesman!

NARRATOR: The scene switches to Gordo's dingy, one office. He enters cautiously. Finally convinced he's alone, Gordo turns on the light and straps his two-way snout radio onto his snout.

GORDO: Gordo Kracy here. Get me Captain Karp of the Police Department.

GORDO: Hello? Captain Karp? What's this about cat burglars? All over town, huh? And what am I supposed to eat? Mothballs? Very funny, sir.

NARRATOR: Gordo switches off his snout radio and plots his next move.

GORDO: *(to himself)* So the town's been swept catless. Thousands will go hungry. Even more will have to do without their minimum daily requirement of tabby fiber. I must track down the Vegomatic Gang and put a stop to this once.

NARRATOR: Gordo gets his copy of the Mellow Pages phone book and lets his fingers do the walking.

GORDO: Ah, here it is...Gangs. *(reading)* Hmmmm, Purple Gang, Spanky and Our Gang...ah! Vegomatic Gang. *(he dials the number on his snout phone)* Hello? Is this the Vegomatic Gang? Yes, this is the Foliage Inspector. It's that time again...can you give me your address? Thank you.

NARRATOR: Gordo gets their location, and puts on a clever disguise so they won't recognize him. (He turns his reversible yellow rain slicker inside out. The other side is yellow, too.) And he runs out the door, only to find Stress waiting for him.

GORDO: Stress! What are you doing here?

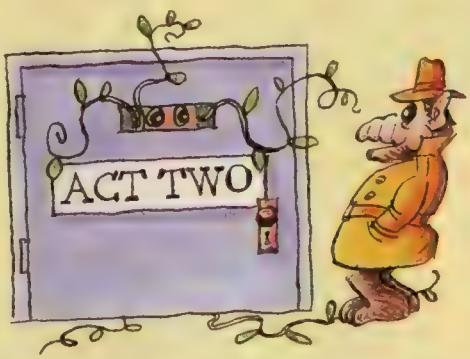
STRESS: Waiting for you. You never finished asking me your question.

GORDO: It has to wait. I'm late for an important meeting.

STRESS: I won't leave until you ask me!

GORDO: Sorry, babe, but I got a date with a fern.

NARRATOR: Gordo hurries Stress aside and heads down the street. Stress sighs. She doesn't notice the shifty eyes of an unseen evildoer watching her in the shadows...



NARRATOR: Gordo walks up to a dark, deserted-looking doorway. The only thing that might give away the true nature of the building is the large neon sign proclaiming "Vegomatic Gang Hide Out! Keep out! This Means You!" Gordon knocks the secret knock.

GORDO: Yo, is this the secret Vegomatic Hideout?

VEGO: Not so loud! You want the neighbors to suspect?

GORDO: Sorry. I'm the Foliage Inspector. I was told to ask for "Fern".

NARRATOR: The door creaks open and Gordo enters. Inside, the hallway is covered with hanging plants of every description. It's humid like a tropical rain forest. Gordo is immediately drenched in sweat.

GORDO: Sure hope my antiperspirant holds up! So, anybody here? Where do I start my...inspection?

NARRATOR: The larger of the plants turns and starts to speak to Gordo. It's the same voice as the one who opened the door.

FLORA: I'm here. Inspect me.

GORDO: A talking plant?

FLORA: We all talk here. What's your point? I let you in, didn't I? But make it fast, we got a Bar Mitzvah later.

GORDO: I was asked to inspect your foliage, lady. But first, I'm a tad hungry. Would you happen to have any CAT?

FLORA: Didn't you read the sign? We're Vegetarians!

GORDO: *(showing his badge)* And I'm a cop. Somebody's been stealing all the cats on Melmac, and all the signs point to your gang.

FLORA: Just what would we do with a bunch of cats? This is a "No Pets" building.

GORDO: Word on the street is your gang is raiding the restaurants around town.

FLORA: You're barking up the wrong tree, buddy. And I suggest you stop before I get annoyed and pollenate on you. We're innocent.

GORDO: Any idea, then, who *is* the culprit?

FLORA: Ever hear of a guy named Litterbox Louie?

GORDO: (GASPS) The notorious gangster and evildoer?

FLORA: I'm not pointing my leaf at anyone, buster. But I've heard he's got a fondness for furry felines.

GORDO: Well, thanks for your

help. But before I leave, what's that music you've got playing the background?
FLORA: The new album by Robert Plant.
NARRATOR: Gordo nods and exits.
GORDO: An unexpected turn of events. I'd rather not tangle with the likes of Litterbox Louie and his band of bad guys.
NARRATOR: Gordo straps on his two-way snout radio and dials Stress's number.
STERESS' VOICE: Hi, you've reached Stress Twohearts. I'm not in right now, but if you'll leave your name and number, I'll call you back just as soon as I can. BEEP.
GORDO: (WORRIED) She should be waiting by the phone for me to call by now. Something's wrong!
NARRATOR: Gordon runs off to Stress's apartment. But when he gets there, he finds it's been ransacked. On the mirror is a note.
GORDO: *(reading)* To Gordo Kracy: We have your girlfriend. If you ever hope to see her again, give up the missing kitty caper. Eat smulkbird, it's lower in saturated fat. Love, Litterbox Louie.
NARRATOR: Gordo stands there in shock, knowing it's up to him to make the next move.

NARRATOR: Back in his office, Gordo has a large map of East Velcro, with little red flags dotted all over it. He explains his strategy to Captain Karp of the Melmac Police Department.
GORDO: Each flag represents places Litterbox Louie or one of his gang were spotted recently. And every appearance is near a restaurant that serves cat.
CAPT. KARP: That's interesting, but we need solid proof, not cute little flags. You have to catch one of them flossing fur out of their teeth.
GORDO: Must you be so graphic?
CAPT. KARP: It's how I got my job, Kracy.
NARRATOR: Just then, Gordo's snout radio phone rings.
GORDO: Yo! Kracy here.
STRESS'S VOICE: Gordo! It's me! You have to help me!
GORDO: Stress! Are you all right?
STRESS'S VOICE: Ummm, not exactly, I'm tied to a really uncomfortable chair. But you have to stop working on that cat case. You could be—
LITTERBOX LOUIE: That's enough. Kracy! Louie here. You heard your girlfriend. Forget about the felines. We already warned you once, and you're still sniffing around.
GORDO: Litterbox Louie? How do I know you're who you say you are?
LITTERBOX LOUIE: Would you name yourself after a pussycat privy if it wasn't your real name?
GORDO: You have a point there. So you're the mastermind behind the missing cat mystery. Why? What's in it for you?
LITTERBOX LOUIE: I'm only telling you this because if you try anything, your girlfriend'll be swimming with the singing clams. Me and the boys are holding Melmac's cat population so we can trade them to Prognor, the fuschia planet to the east where cats are considered a rare delicacy. That way, should you Melmacians ever have a hankering for cat, you'll have to order them through me,
GORDO: You're an evil guy, Louie.
LITTERBOX LOUIE: Gee, thanks. Well, gotta go. Time to torture your girlfriend. We're making her watch reruns of "Mr. Belvedere".
GORDO: (TO CAPT. KARP): I hope you got all that. It should be all the evidence you'll need.
CAPT. KARP: You've got your work cut out for you, Kracy.
GORDO: Wait a minute, you're not going to help me on this?
CAPT. KARP: Too dangerous. But I have faith in you, Kracy. You'll come up with some harebrained scheme to save the day.
GORDO: Great.
NARRATOR: The Captain leaves Gordo alone to cook up a harebrained scheme that will rescue Stress and the thousands of cats. Gordo paces the room, thinking. Then inspiration hits!

THE NEXT DAY...
NARRATOR: Gordo prepares his ultimate disguise for his showdown with Litterbox Louie. He sticks a fake moustache on the end of his snout, throws on his trademark yellow rain slicker, and heads out the door. Moments later, he's standing outside the gates to the Phlegmplug Litter Quarry, the rumored hideout of Litterbox Louie and his cronies. He knocks on the door and a bucket pours litter on his head.

GORDO: That's a fine how-de-doo. Is Litterbox Louie in?
FEMALE VOICE: Whom shall I say is calling?
GORDO: Tell him it's Prince Spaghetti of Prognor. I'm here about the cat deal.
NARRATOR: The gates swing open immediately, slamming into Gordo. He pulls himself out and goes inside. He's met by a stunning creature of the female persuasion.
FEMALE: Welcome, Prince. I am Miss Kitty, Louie's main squeeze.
NARRATOR: Gordo shakes her hand politely and they walk down the hallway. He's met by a band of gangster-looking goons who push him into a small office. There, he's face to face with Litterbox Louie.
LITTERBOX LOUIE: So finally we meet, Prince. How's the kingdom?
GORDO: Never better, Mr. Litterbox.
LITTERBOX LOUIE: Ah, call me Louie. We're old friends by now. But I'm surprised by your visit. I thought you were sending underlings to pick up the...uh...shipment.
GORDO: I know I said that, but then I decided I'd rather check the goods out myself. And I also have another request.
LITTERBOX LOUIE: Whatever you want, your highness. Your wish is my command, as long as I get my money.
GORDO: No problem, dude. You see, not only are cats a rare delicacy on our planet, so are Melmacian women. I was wondering if you had any spare ones sitting around your place, you know, collecting dust.
LITTERBOX LOUIE: As a

matter of fact, we do. She's tied up at the moment, but perhaps I can introduce you later.
NARRATOR: Gordo smiles to himself, amazed at how well his scheme is going. But just then, a scream rings out. It's Stress! Miss Kitty runs into the office.
MISS KITTY: Louie! The uppity girl we kidnapped has gotten loose!
LITTERBOX LOUIE: Excuse me, Prince. You may get to meet this lady sooner than expected.
NARRATOR: They run into the hall just as Stress is running out. She crashes into Gordo.
STRESS: (OVERJOYED) Gordo! You've come to save me!
GORDO: (STRAIGHTENING HIS FAKE MOUSTACHE) I'm sorry, lady. You must have mistaken me for someone else. I am Prince Spaghetti of Prognor.
STRESS: Cut it out, Gordo. This no time for stupid jokes—these guys are mean!
GORDO: (UNDER HIS BREATH) Stress, hush! You want to get us all killed?
NARRATOR: But it's too late—Litterbox Louie has heard.
LITTERBOX LOUIE: Gordo Kracy—I knew we'd meet.
NARRATOR: Litterbox Louie pulls out his laser watergun and aims. Stress knocks it out of his hand, trips Louie, and grabs Gordo's hand. They run out the back way, ending up in a huge warehouse filled with cages of cats. Gordo starts to drool.

STRESS: Not now, Gordo! Our lives are at stake!

NARRATOR: He goes to the cages and opens them trying, but not succeeding, to grab a snack as the cats charge out. The Litterbox Gang comes into the room, but are trampled by the cats. Just then, a huge net falls down. It's Captain Karp!

GORDO: Oh, sure, now you come. Look, dinner's getting away!

KARP: Don't worry, Kracy. The cats are running straight into the Persian Club delivery van. It's All You Can Eat Tabby Bar Night, you know. And we finally have the evil Litterbox gang under arrest. Thanks to you—sort of.

STRESS: Gordo! My hero! Now, what was that question you were about to ask me?

NARRATOR: Stress goes to kiss her man when his snout phone rings. She rolls her eyes, knowing he's off on another case. Crimefighting is Gordo Kracy's life.

THE END

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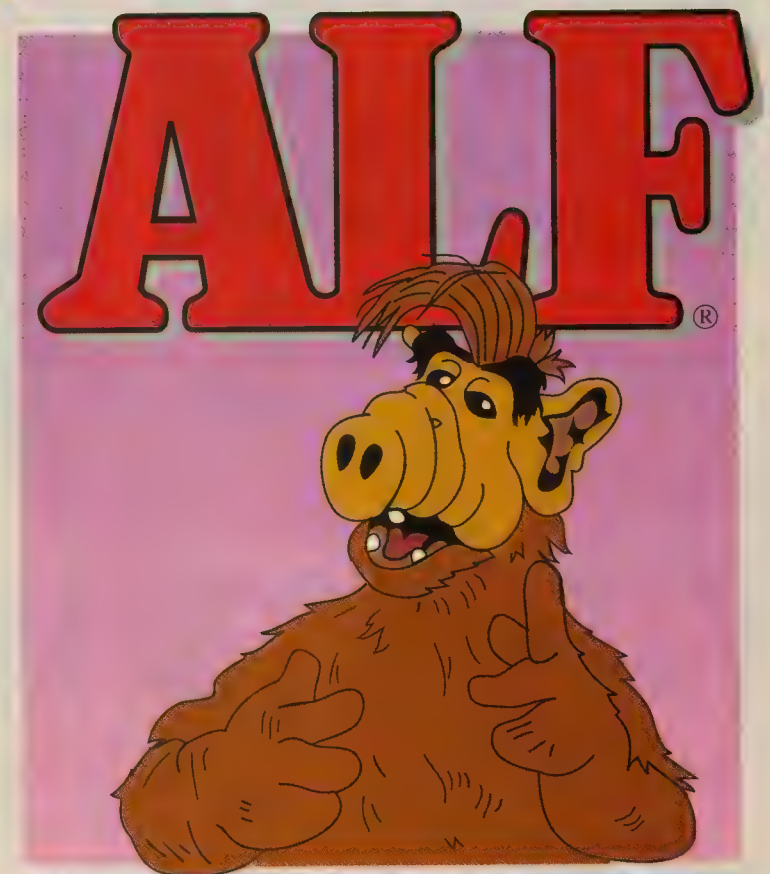

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Hi, ho, ALFies! How good are you at spotting patterns? In this activity, the sequence indicated below each puzzle is hidden either forward, backward, up, or down. Three boxes have one hidden sequence; one box has the same sequence hidden twice. Hope you're ready for some Melmaction!

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This is a sample of the Melmacian phone book. Notice how they file everything under Miscellaneous Junk, no matter what it is!

Melmatian Yellow Pages

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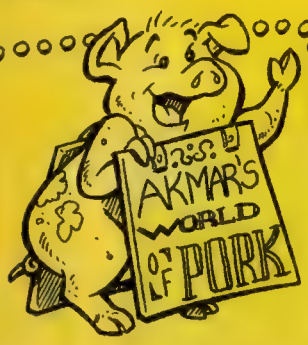

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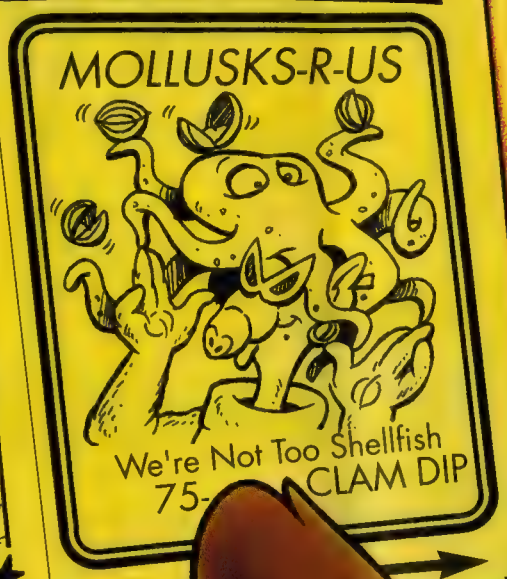

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MIDNIGHT MUNCHING

As usual, ALF snuck down to the kitchen to have himself a little midnight snack. Unfortunately, he ran into Willie. Put the pictures in the correct order to find out what happened to ALF's snack attack.

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2

3

4

5

6

Answers: 5, 6, 2, 4, 1, 3.

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BIG YUKS!

THIGH-SLAPPING, SIDE-SPLITTING, GUT-BUSTING JOKES... WE HOPE!

What would you do if an elephant sat in front of you at the movies?

Miss most of the movie.

Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

Flo: Gordon, did you take a bath?

Gordon: No, is one missing?

Where do sheep go for sun and fun?

To the Baa-hamas

What American had the largest family?

George Washington. He is the father of our country.

BIG YUKS SPOTLIGHT

What did one strawberry say to the other?

If you hadn't been so fresh we wouldn't be in this jam!

Thanks to Angela Wolfful of Austin, Texas for her joke.

How does a ghost eat?

By goblin.

What cake wanted to rule the world?

Attila the Bun.

What has four legs and goes, "Oom! Oom!"?

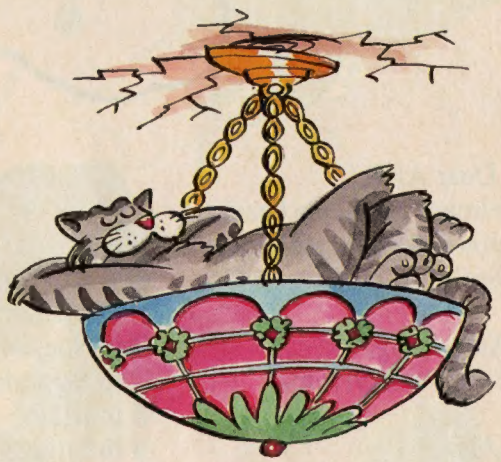
A cow walking backward.

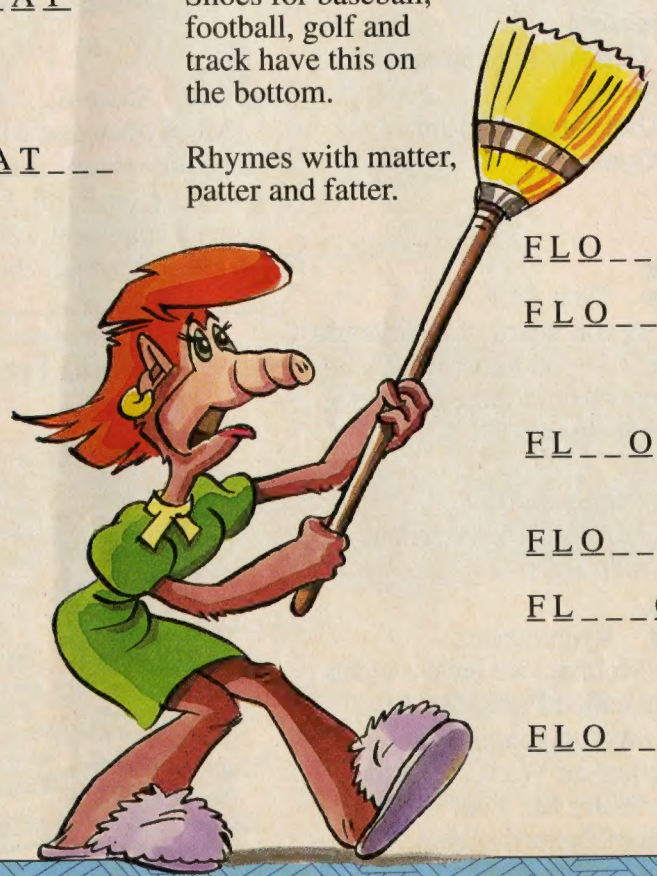
Melmacian Fill-Ins

ALF fans will recognize these two words as Very Important Parts of life on Melmac. Now here's the challenge. Solve the clues, then fill in the missing letters to form the answers to the clues. Go with the F-L-O-W and there won't be a C-A-T-S-T-R-O-P-H-E.

C-A-T

C _ _ A T _ _ _	Rhymes with feature
C A T _ _ _ _ _ _	You can order items from this booklet
C A _ _ T _ _	Albany is the ——— of New York state.
C A T _ _	If you throw a ball, your friend should do this to it.
C _ _ A T	Shoes for baseball, football, golf and track have this on the bottom.
_ C A T _ _ _	Rhymes with matter, patter and fatter.





F-L-O

F L O _ _	Opposite the ceiling
F L O _ _	When you learn to swim,you learn to do this on top of the water.
F L _ _ O _	When something tastes good, you like its ———.
F L O _ _ _	You notice the petals first.
F L _ _ _ O _ _	n America, the cloth item that goes on this is red, white, and blue.
F L O _ _	The basic in baking cakes, cookies, and bread.

Answers: Creature, catalogue, capital, catch, cleat, scatter, floor, float, flavor, flower, flagpole, flour

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ASK ALF

Q: Dear ALF,
On Melmac, what else besides cats, do you eat that earthlings usually don't eat?

Alex Huegel
Erie, Pennsylvania

A: Alex,
Pudding in a shoe.

Q: Dear ALF,
I don't like to brush my teeth. Do you brush your teeth? If you do, what do you use?

Jaimie Lantz
Belington, West Virginia

A: Jamie,
I make sure to brush every day. Either that or I'll be gumming my food in no time. By the way, I use Tailgate with Formica.

Q: Dear ALF,
What did you get on your first report card?

Katie Guzman
Jenning, Louisiana

A: Katie-did,
If memory serves me:
B in Spelling
C in Squealing Like a Pig 101
B in Math
B in Squirrel Folding
D in Intimidating Corn
C in History
D in Yodeling at Halibut
B in Music
C in Understanding Lint
A in Gym

Q: Dear ALF,
Have you heard of a Nintendo system? If you have, what kind of games would there be on the planet Melmac?

Ryan Jeffrey
Colombia, Maryland

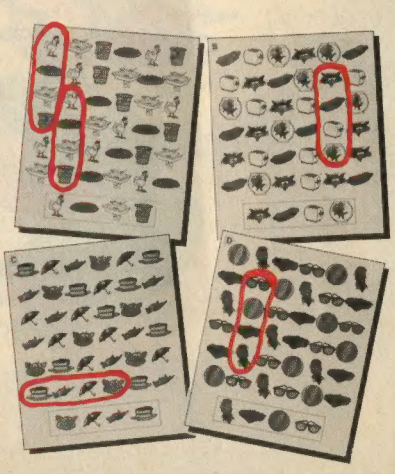
A: Ryanmeister,
On Melmac, we have a video system called Pretendo. My three favorite games are: "Gargling for Wool," "Please Don't Pester Mr. Fist!" and "In Search of Dexter's Teeth."

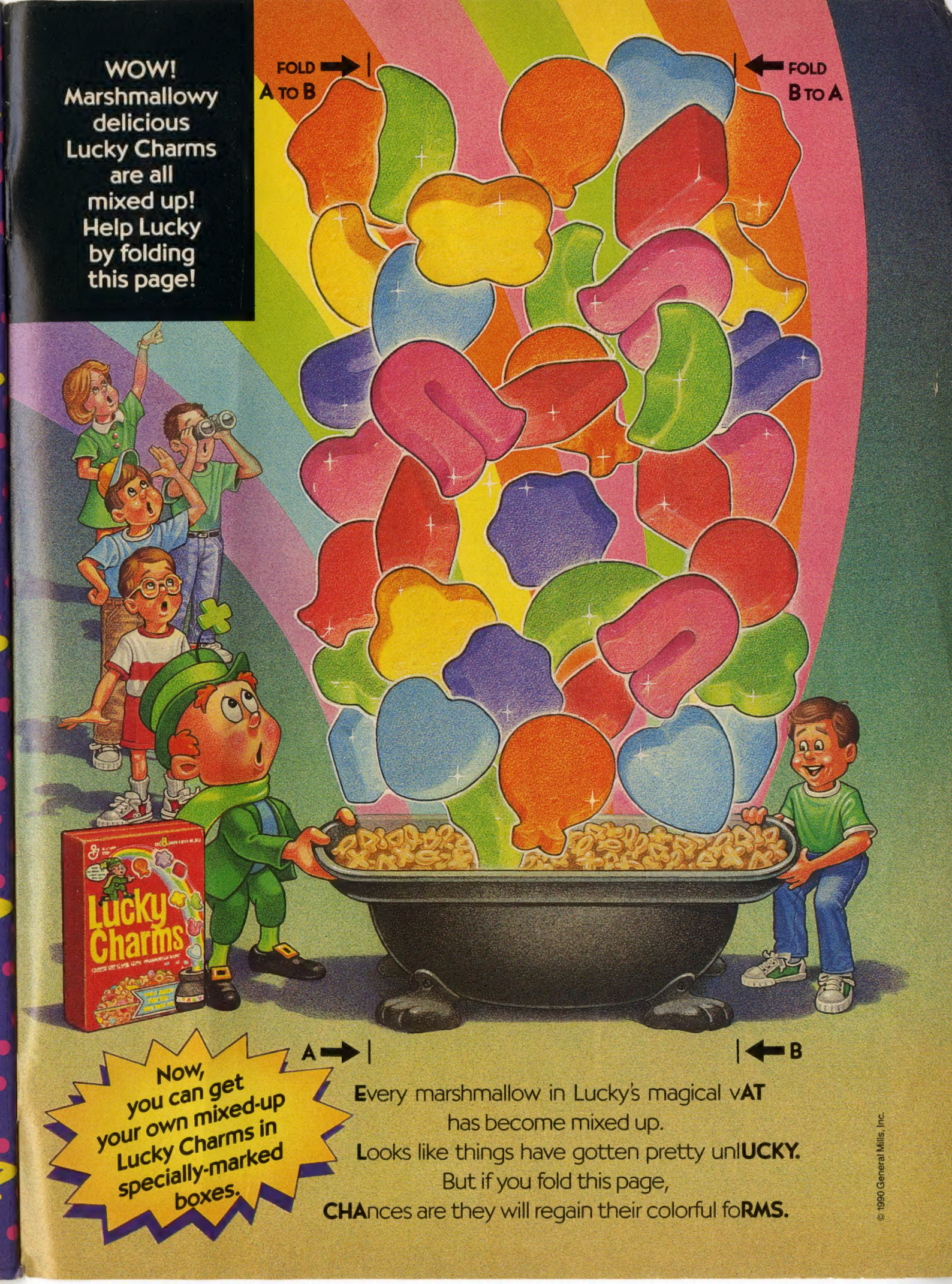
Q: Dear ALF,
Why do you eat cats?

Steven Ferguson
Orleans, Indiana

A: Steve-o,
Mostly because I find rodents to be too stringy. Besides, since I've been on Earth, I haven't eaten a single cat. . . . They've all been married. Ha! I kill me!

Answers to
Find Four

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FOLD B TO A
Lucky Charms
A
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Every marshmallow in Lucky's magical vAT has become mixed up.
Looks like things have gotten pretty unlUCKY.
But if you fold this page,
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